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RAVE

M A S T E R





RAVE MASTER

VOLUME 1

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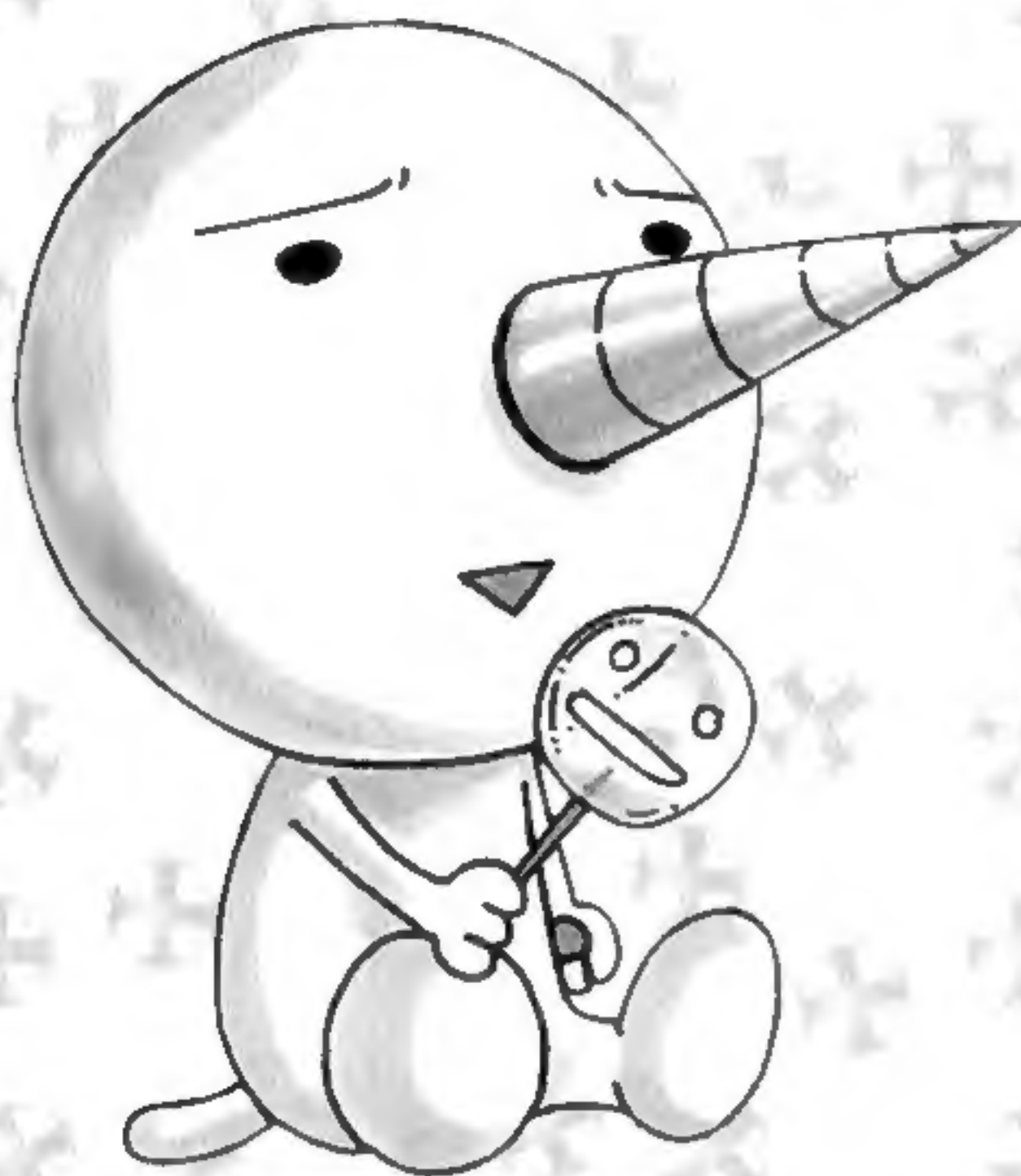
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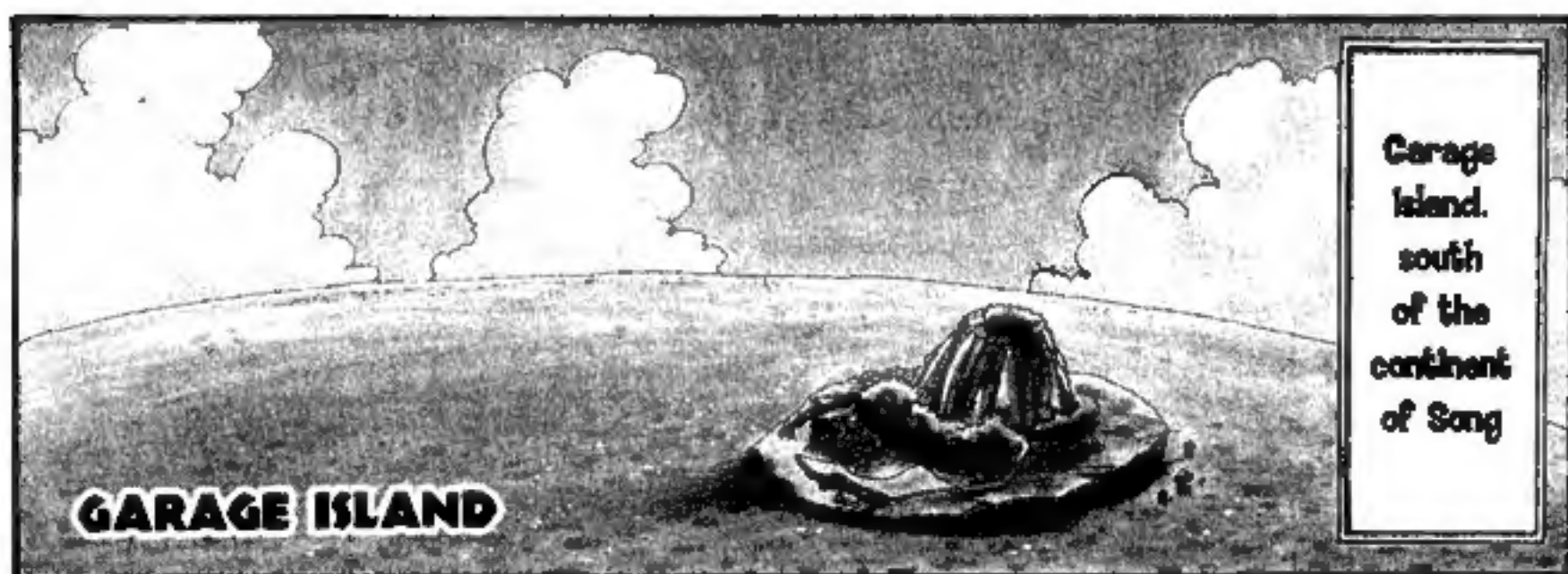




—50 YEARS AGO—



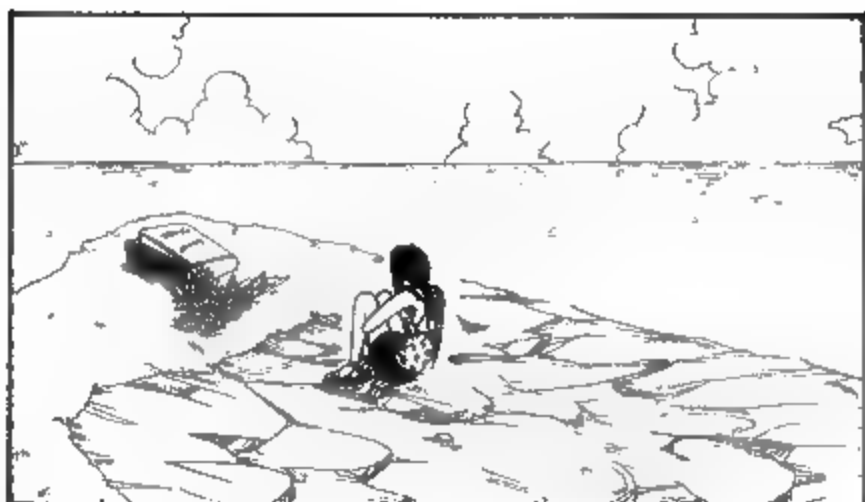
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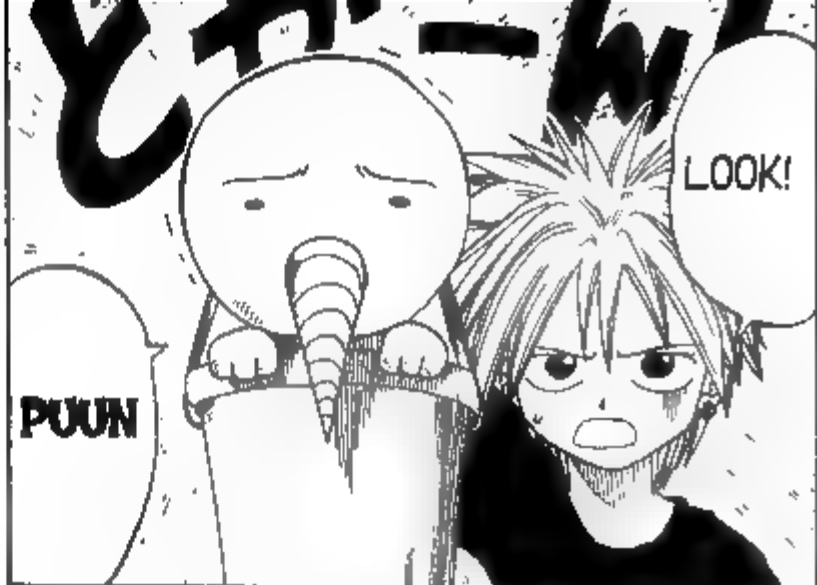
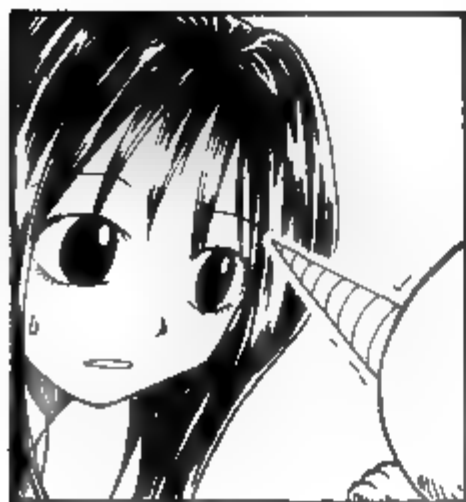


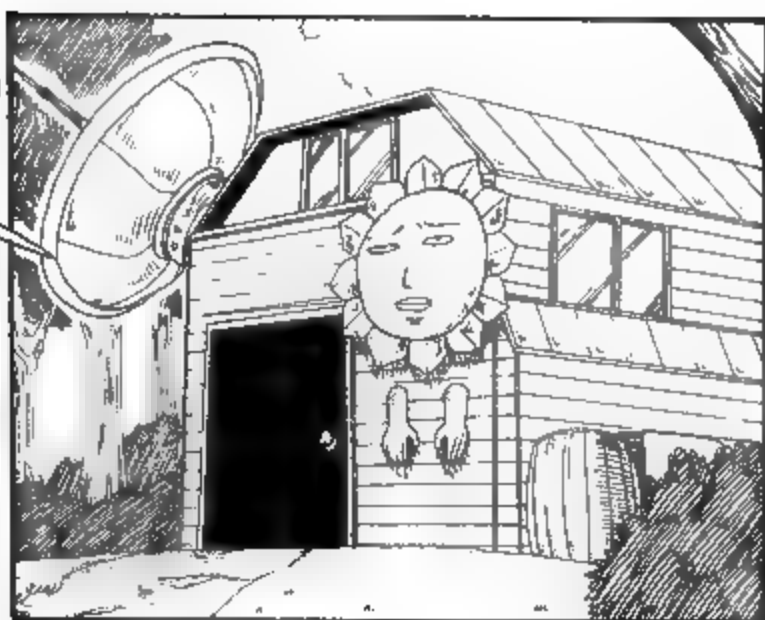
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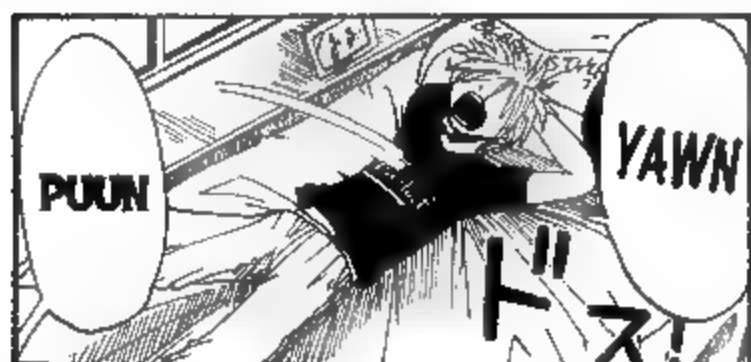
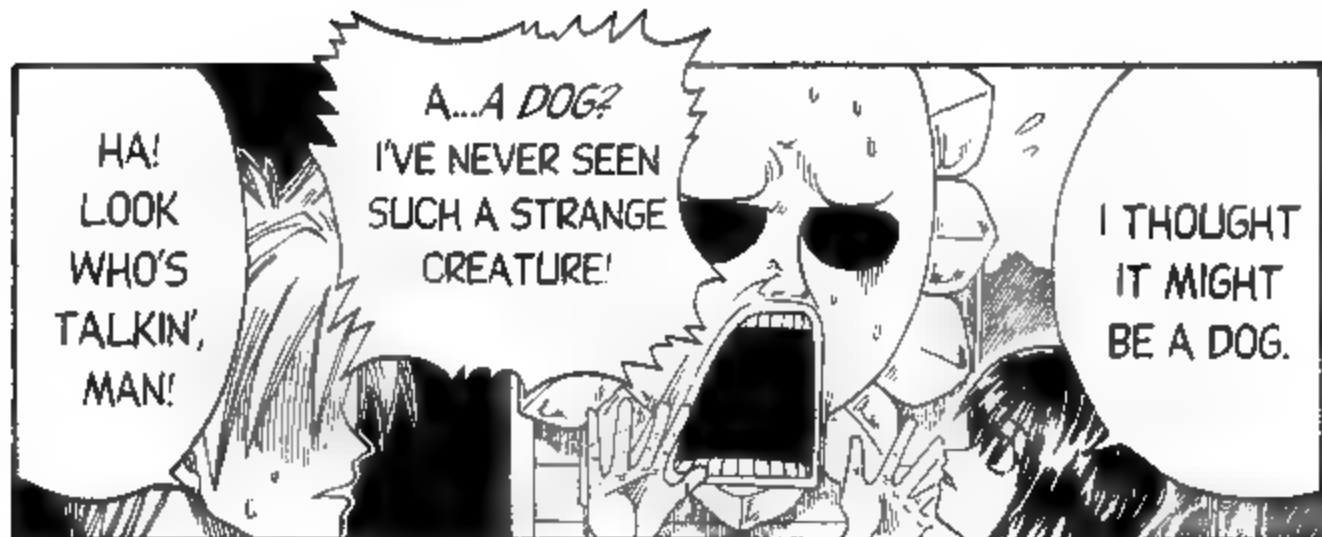




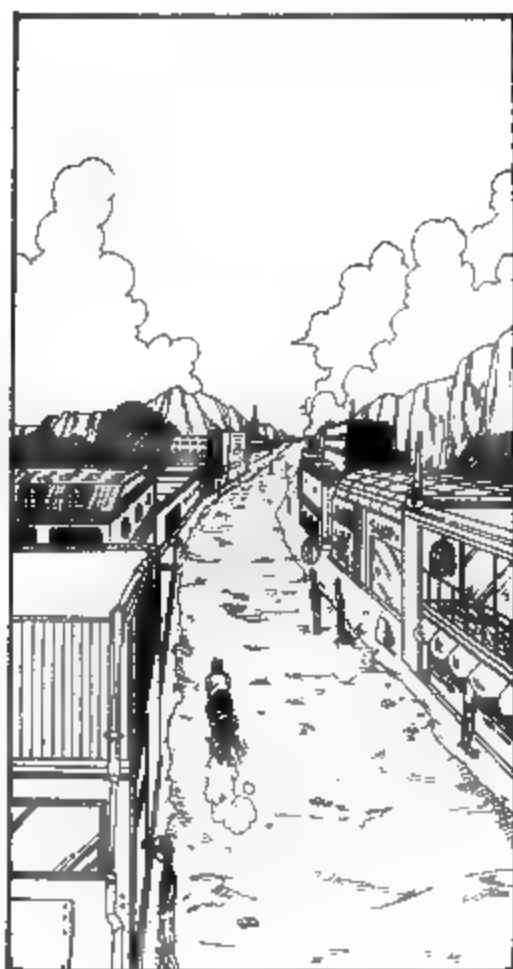


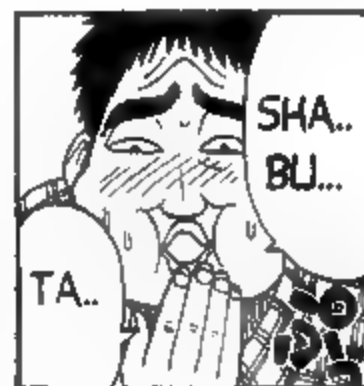














CAN'T YOU
STAY AND
CHAT A
LITTLE
MORE?

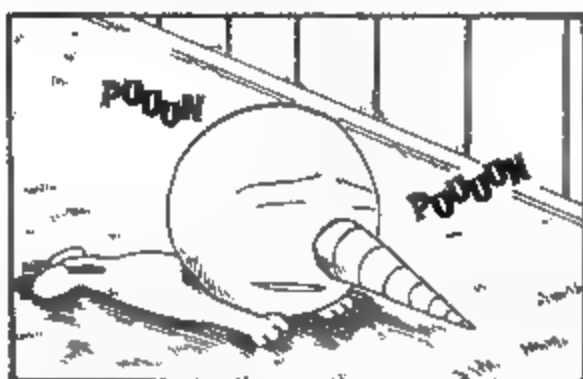
IT'S BEEN
A LONG
TIME,
HARU.

Name

ゲンマ
GEMMA



IT'S BEEN
10 YEARS,
HASN'T IT?



OH.
MOM...

SINCE
SAKURA
DIED.



10
YEARS?

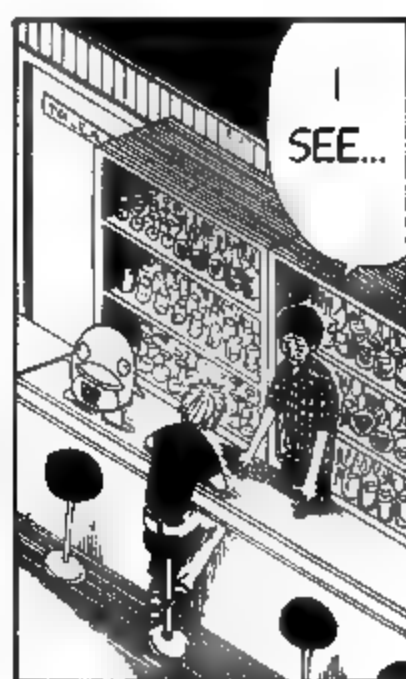


HARU
...



WHAT
WAS I,
A LITTLE
BUG?

YOU WERE
JUST THIS
TINY BACK
THEN.







THAT'S RIGHT.
NO ONE ON THIS
ISLAND CAN
BEAT YOU



THAT'S WHY
I'VE BEEN
TRAINING
EVERY DAY.



HEH
HEH HEH

YOU BETTER
HURRY, SHA-
SHABU-

SHABU-
TARO



NO BIG
DEAL.

SORRY FOR
HOLDING
YOU UP.

PUN!



SHABUTARO...

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

BLUWAH
HA
HAHA-
HAHA-
HA!!

SIGH...
LATER.





BOTOHN'S
MY DAD
AND HE'S
DEAD!!

LET ME GO,
YOU CRAZY
OLD GOAT!
I'M NOT
BOTOHN!!



WAAA!!

OOOOH!
BOTOHN!
IT'S BEEN
AGES!



THEN YOU'RE..
THAT KID WITH
THE WEIRD
LAUGH...
GEMMA, RIGHT?



?

'S THAT
RIGHT?



OH, THAT'S
ALL RIGHT...
IS THIS
YOUR SON?



GEMMA
ISN'T EVEN
MARRIED!

NO,
I'M HARU.



OH HO HO...
YOU'VE REALLY
GROWN UP!
YOU'RE ALMOST
AS TALL
AS YOUR DAD!

UM, SORRY,
BUT I DON'T
REMEMBER
YOU.

HO HO HO...

HARU...

NOW WHERE HAVE
I HEARD THAT NAME...

HMM... I FORGET.



UM, DID
YOU LIVE
ON THIS
ISLAND?



I'M
GEMMA!
SHEESH!



WELL,
ANYWAY,
BOTOHN...



BUT...SOMETHING
HAPPENED I'VE BEEN
TRAVELING AROUND THE
WORLD EVER SINCE.
I JUST HAPPENED TO BE
BACK IN THE AREA,
SO I DECIDED TO VISIT.



MMM...
I DID. A
VERY LONG
TIME AGO

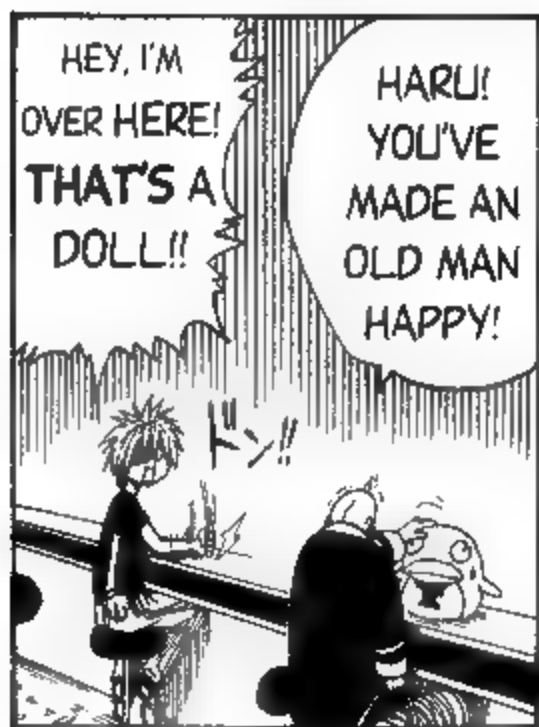
MIS-
TER!

GAAAH!



I MISS
THIS
PLACE...









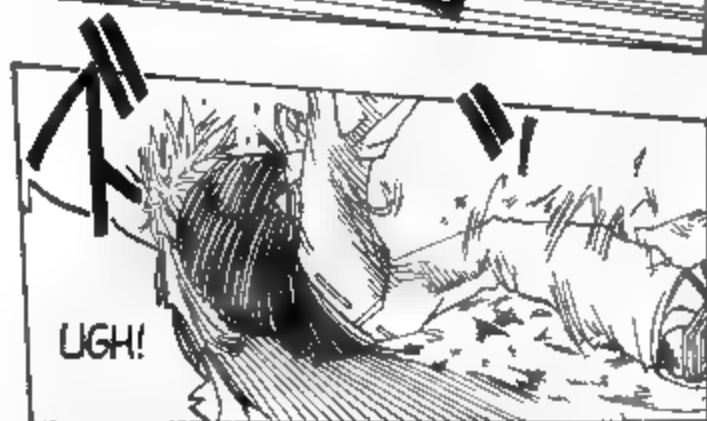




SHUT
YOUR
MOUTH,
BOY!



STOP
THAT!



UGH!



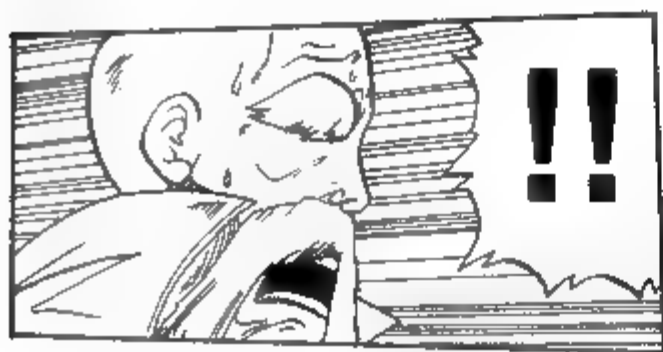
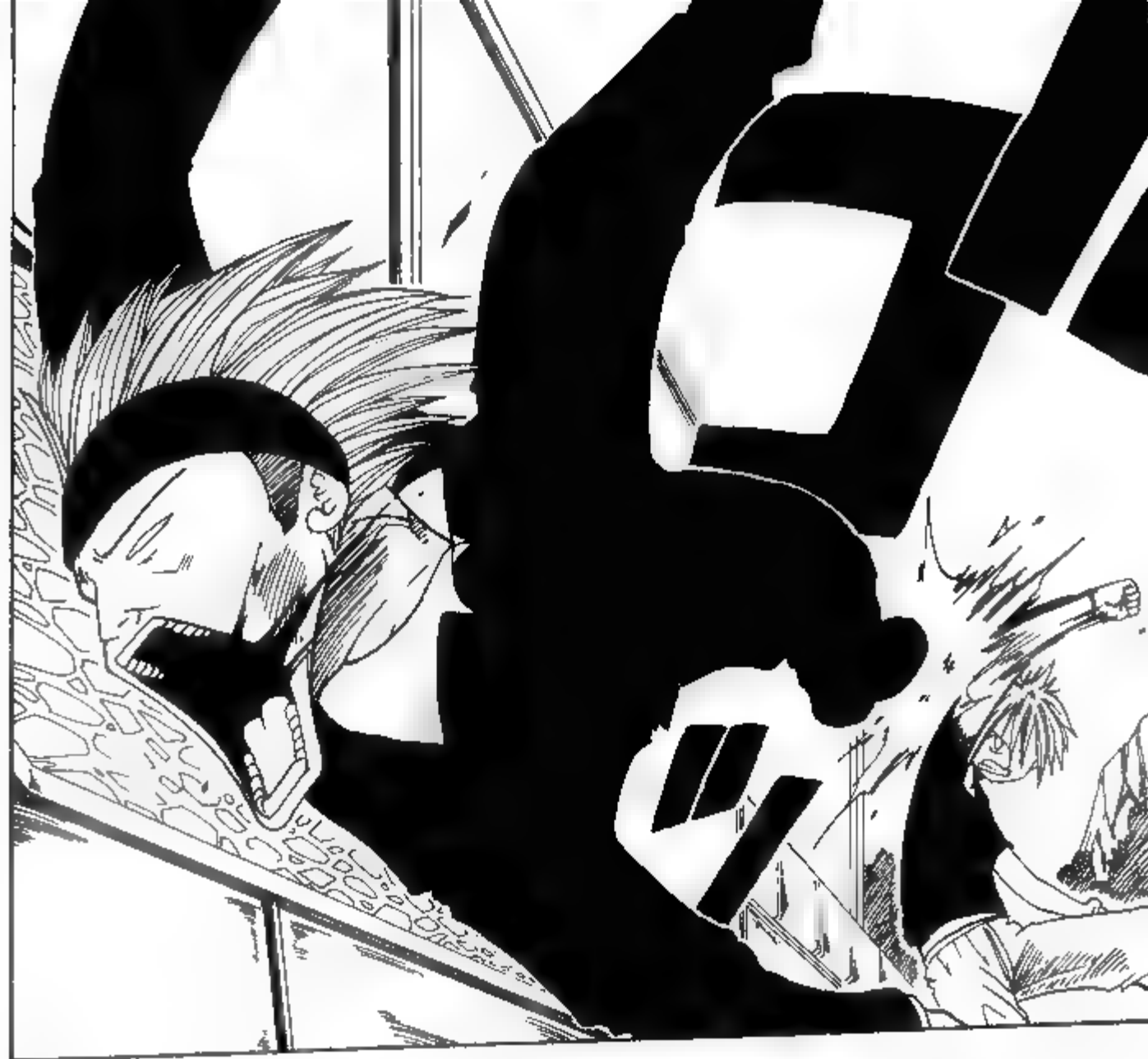
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HA
HA!

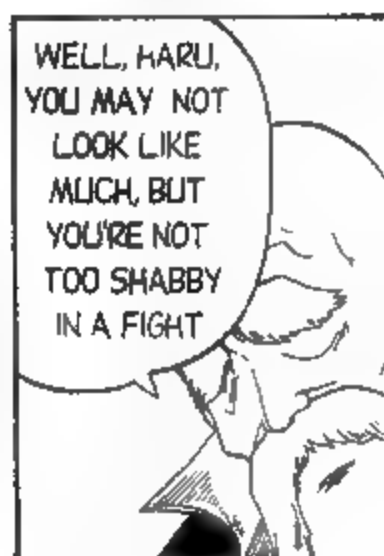
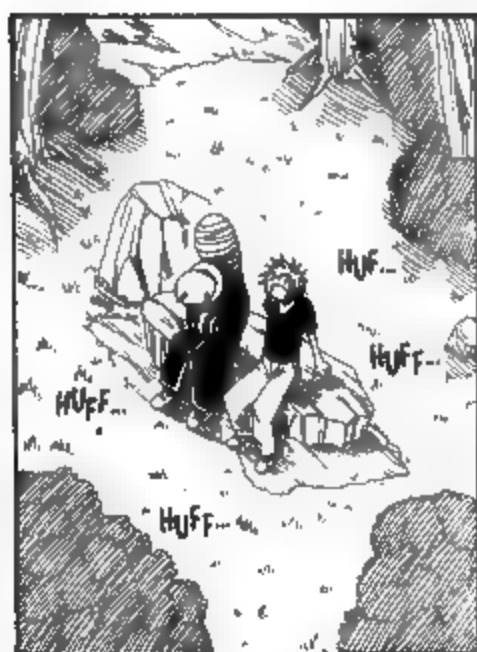
OW...

ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT,
HARU?
PULL
YOURSELF
TOGETHER!



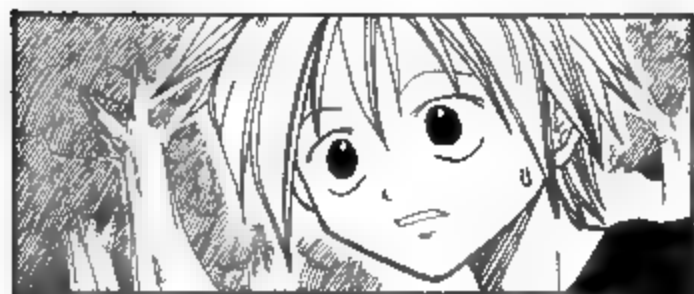






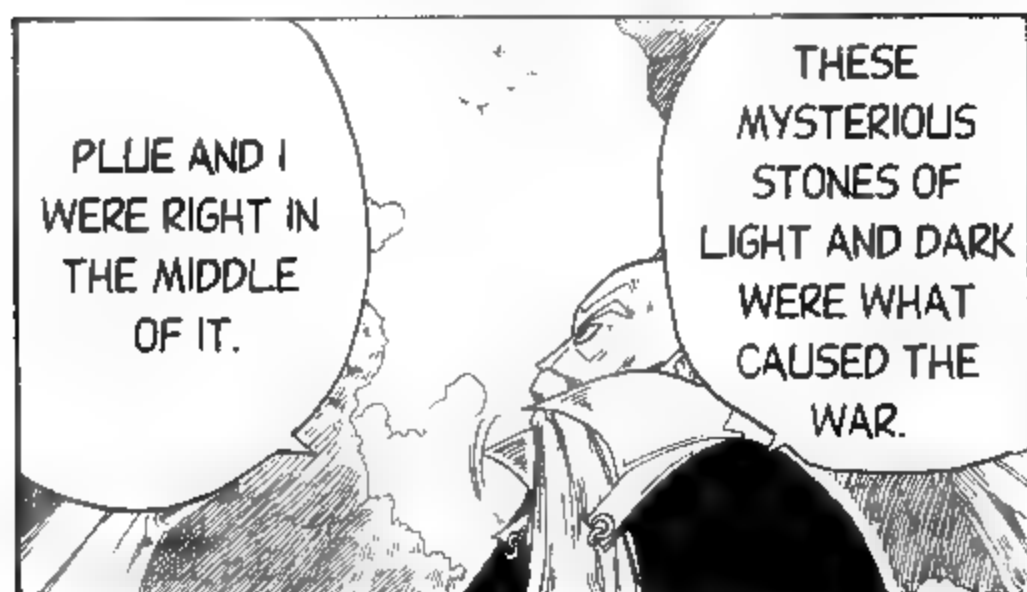
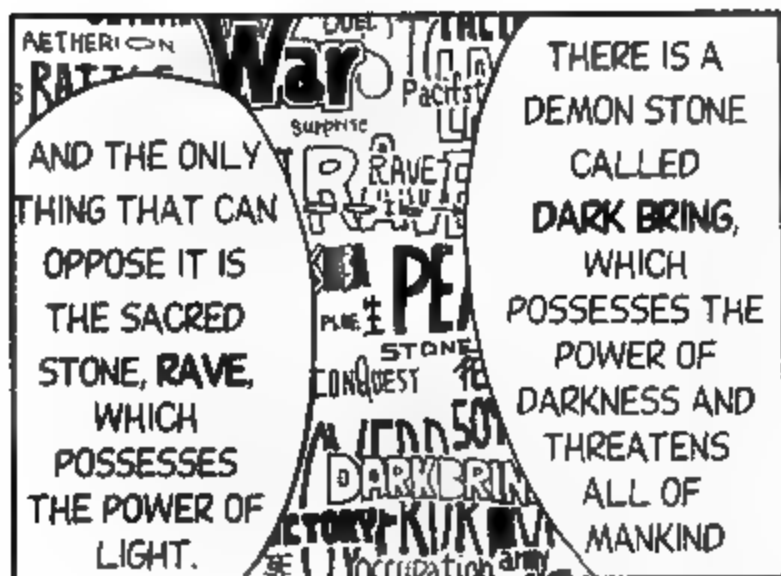














SHIBA



LET'S GO,
BLUE!!



THIS IS
THE LAST
DARK BRING.





POUN

WE DID IT,
PLUE!!

WE
DID IT.



WHAT'RE
YOU DOING?
LET'S GO
HOME



DON'T EVER
WANT TO SEE
ANOTHER
DARK BRING
AGAIN!



WELL,
ANYWAY.

L3



ALL
RIGHT!



THE WAR
IS OVER.



! MAYBE NOW THERE CAN FINALLY BE PEACE..



THAT EXPLOSION WAS THE LEGENDARY...

...OVERDRIVE!

THE DARK BRING...

...ESCAPED

A TENTH OF THE WORLD
WAS DESTROYED

THE DARK BRING
WAS STILL
ALIVE...

I HAD BEEN
CARELESS...

PLUE HAD SENSED THIS...

.AND...

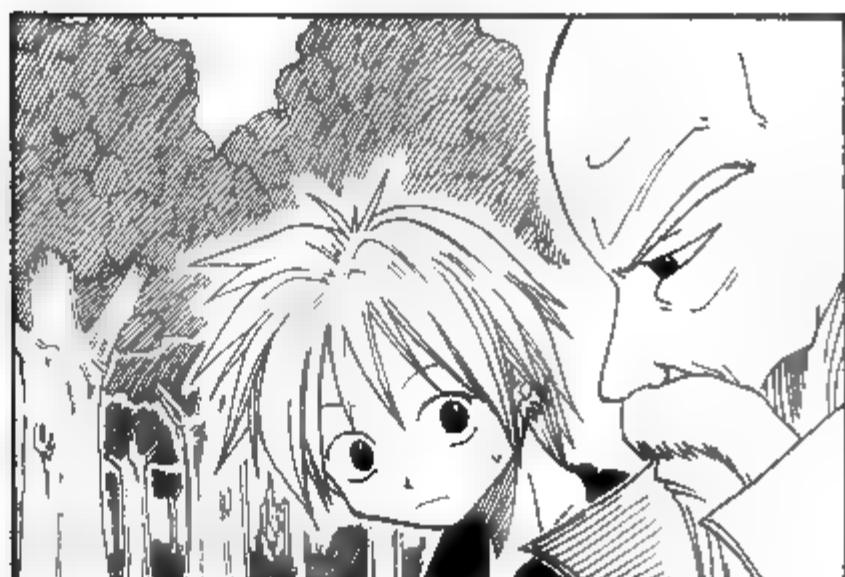




AND PLUE
DISAPPEARED
AS WELL...



RAVE SCATTERED
FLYING OFF IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS'





SO I MUST
DESTROY THE
DARK BRING!

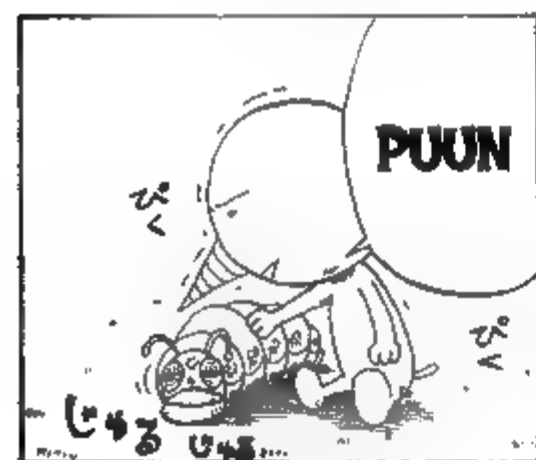
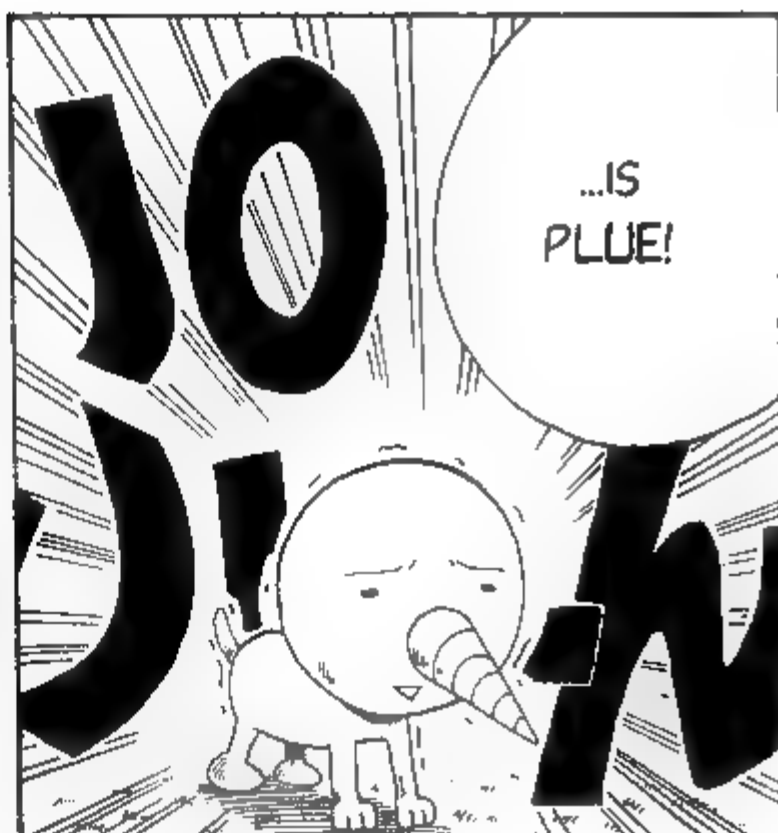


!!



AND THE
ONLY ONE
WHO KNOWS
WHERE THE
PIECES ARE...

BUT TO DO THAT,
FIRST I HAVE TO
FIND ALL THE
MISSING PIECES
OF RAVE.









HOW DARE
YOU MAKE
A FOOL
OF ME.

SO, YOU
WERE SHIBA
ALL ALONG...



...OR
I'LL TAKE IT
BY FORCE!

HAND RAVE
OVER TO ME...

?

ゴオオオオ!!



DON'T TRY
AND ACT
TOUGH,
YOU OLD
FOOL.

HMPH.



I'VE BEATEN SO
MANY PEOPLE
LIKE YOU, I'VE
LOST COUNT!

フオフオフ



HE WORKS FOR
"DEMON CARD,"
THE ORGANIZATION
THAT POSSESSES
THE DARK BRING.



WHO IS
THIS GUY?

I SAW HIM
BEFORE...



WHAT THE
HECK IS
THAT?



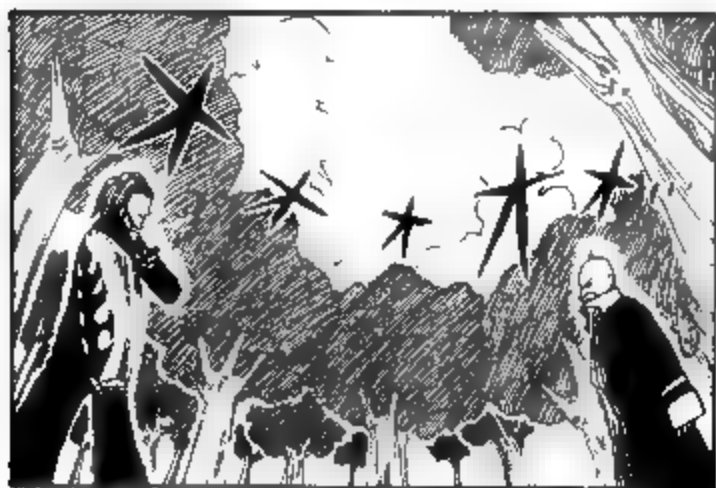
EXACTAMUNDO.
NOW GET A
LOAD OF
THIS!



!



HARU...
YOU'D BETTER
TAKE COVER.



SHIBA!
HOW CAN
YOU FIGHT
THAT
THING?!



BRING
IT ON,
SHIBA!

LEAVE THIS
ISLAND, NOW!

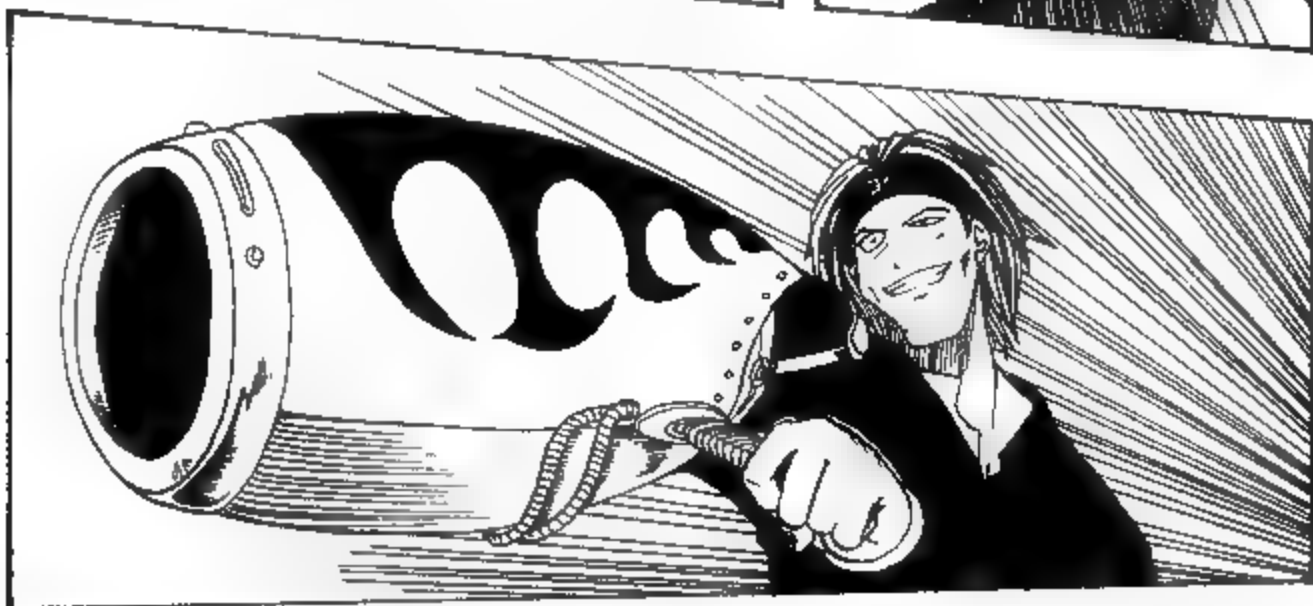


RAVE,
IT'S...



RAVE!

LEND
ME
YOUR
POWER!



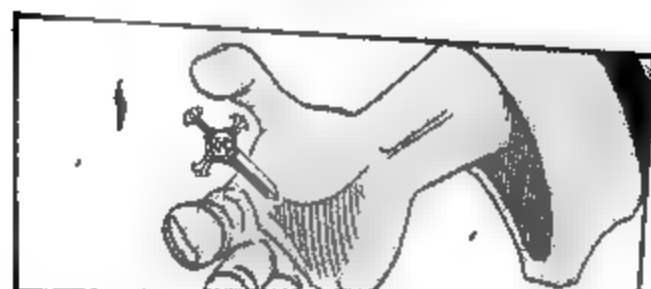
I...
I CAN'T
USE IT...



DON'T
JUST
STAND
THERE!

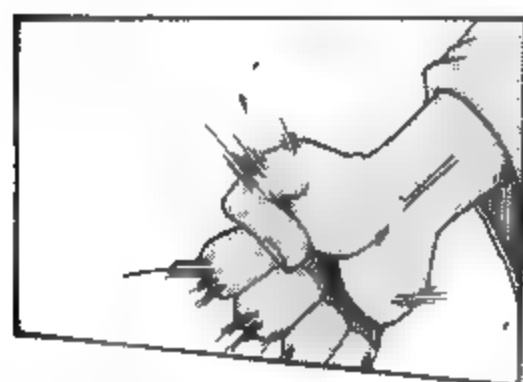


WHY
NOT?!



IT'S...

...OVER.



WHAT ELSE
DID YOU
EXPECT FROM
THIS FINE
WEAPON?



SHIBAAAA!!





MY SISTER
TAUGHT ME
BETTER THAN
THAT!!!



HAND OVER
WHAT SHIBA
GAVE YOU, KID.



JUST TAKE
THAT AND GET
OUT OF HERE!

HARU!!
FORGET
ABOUT ME!



RUN,
HARU!!



THAT BOY IS OUT OF CONTROL.
HE'S GOING TO LOSE IT FOR SURE.



HE'S
FAST!





WHAT IN
THE--?!!



E E E P !



A A A A A !!!

WHA--
?!!

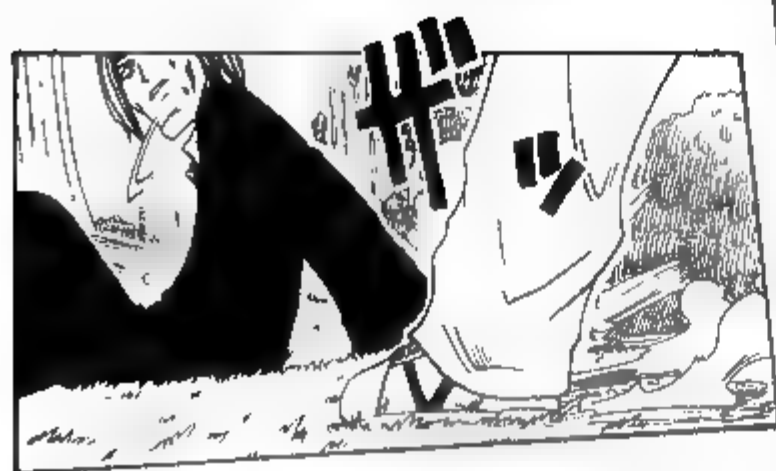


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GEH!



HE
CAN'T BE
HUMAN!



STUPID
BRAT!



STAND
UP.



YOU'RE OUT
OF YOUR
LEAGUE,
KID!

YOU HAVEN'T
EVEN BEGUN
TO FEEL AS
MUCH PAIN
AS SHIBA

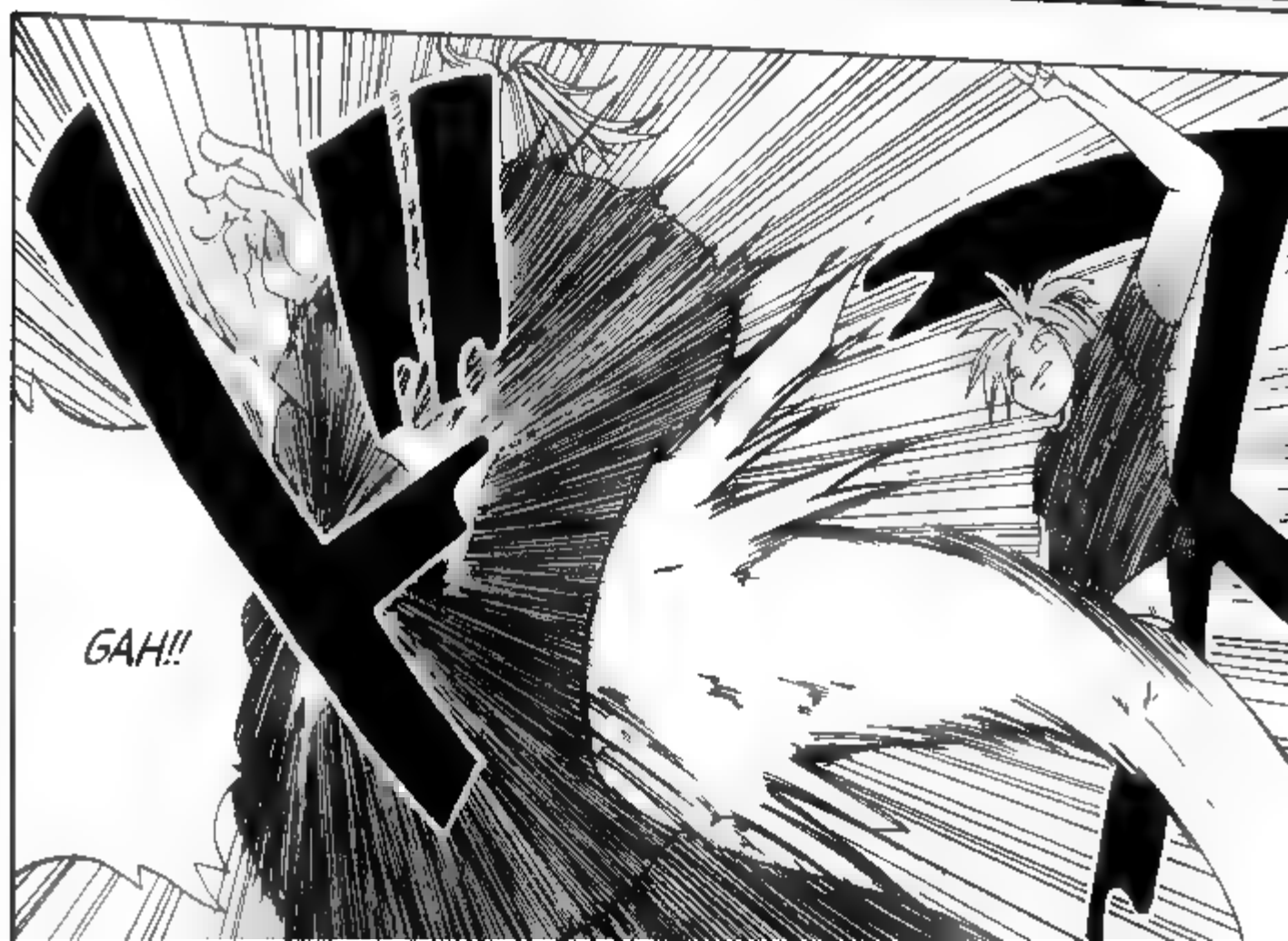


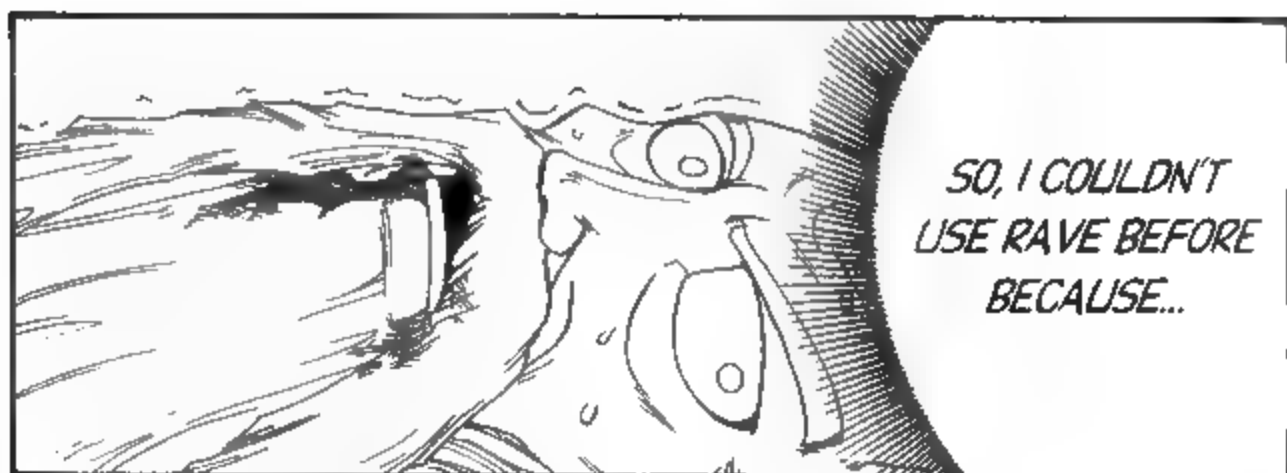
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT.

WH...WHAT
INCREDIBLE
POWER.



HARU...?





SO, I COULDN'T
USE RAVE BEFORE
BECAUSE...



HE MUST
BE...

W
A
A
A
H
!!!



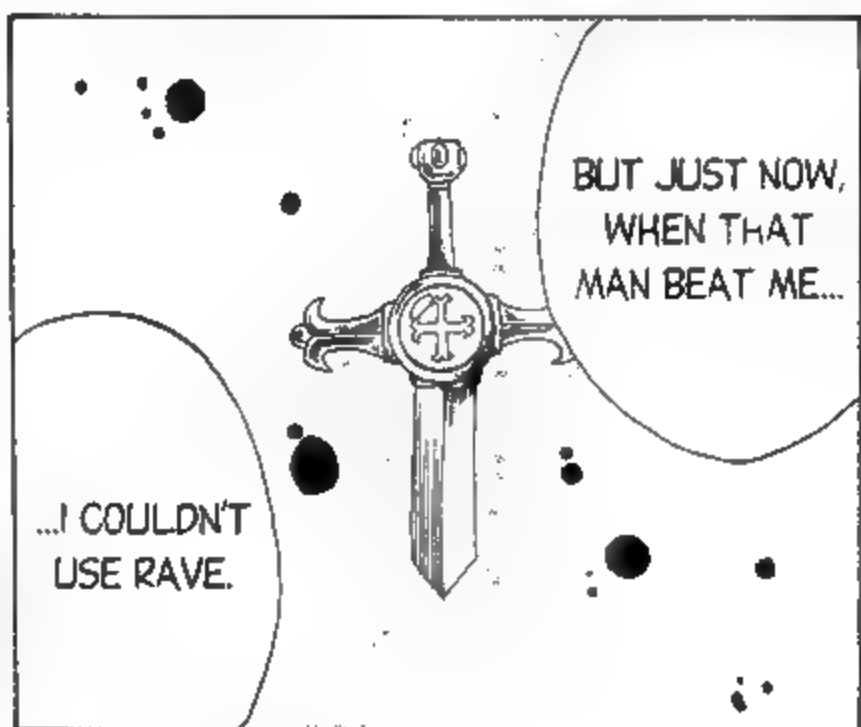
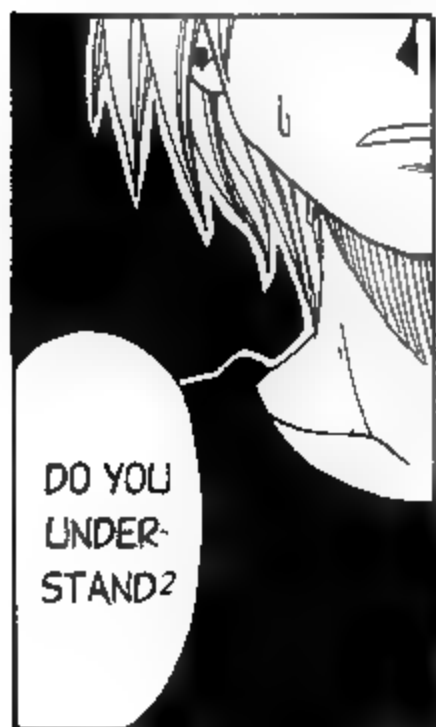
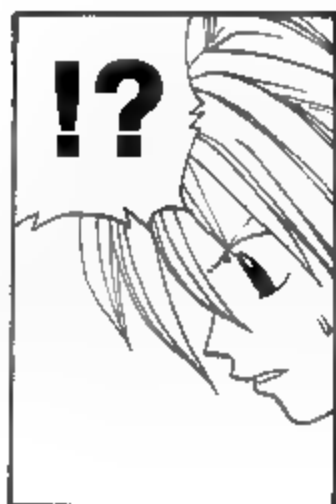














THAT'S BECAUSE
A NEW HEIR TO RAVE
HAS APPEARED!

HUH?

Mischief

...is the
sacred
stone.
RAVE.

RAVE



IS
DARK
BRING

The demon
stone, Dark
Bring, rules
over all that
is evil. And
the only light
that can
oppose it...

...now, 50
years later,
Dark Bring
has awakened
once more by
the sinister
organization
Demon Card.



Dark Bring had
once been broken
in a war and
the pieces
scattered, but...

レイヴ
RAVE

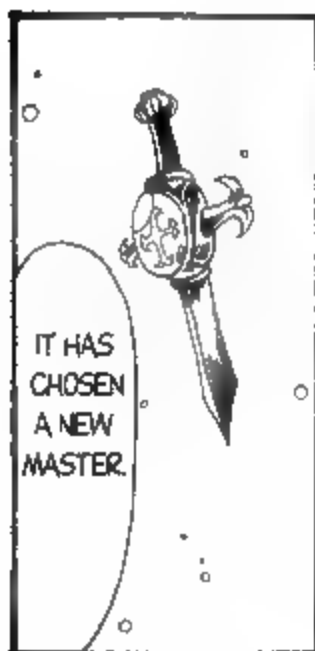
The one
standing
next to
Shiba,
however



...lost
that
power,
and was
beaten.



But Shiba,
the only one
who could
use Rave...



IT HAS
CHOSEN
A NEW
MASTER.



50 YEARS
AGO, I WAS
THE RAVE
MASTER.

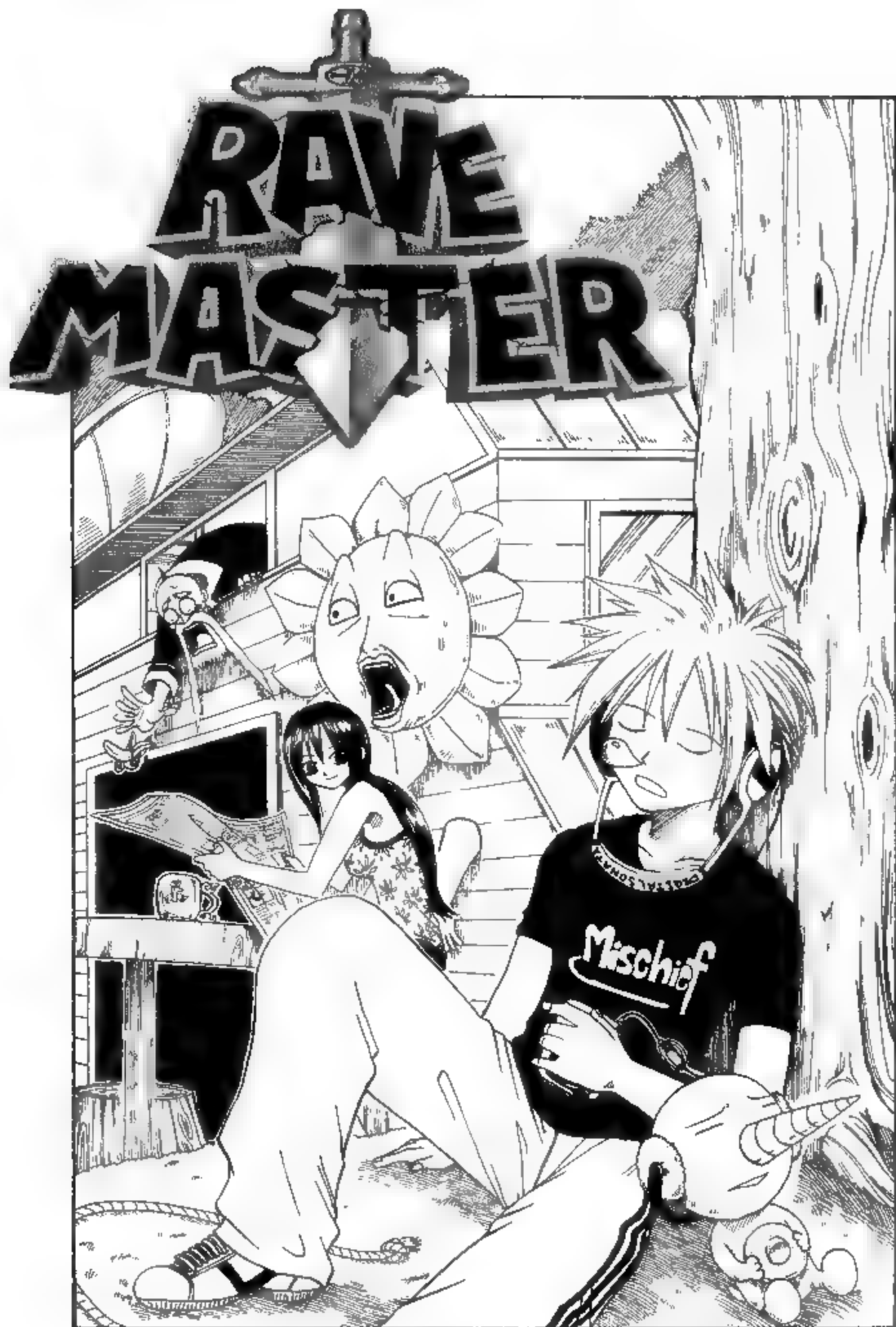
..BUT RAVE
NO LONGER
ANSWERS
TO ME.



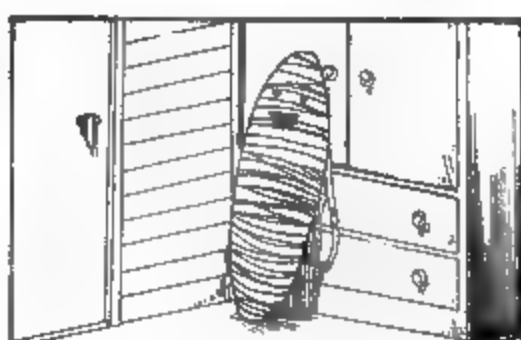
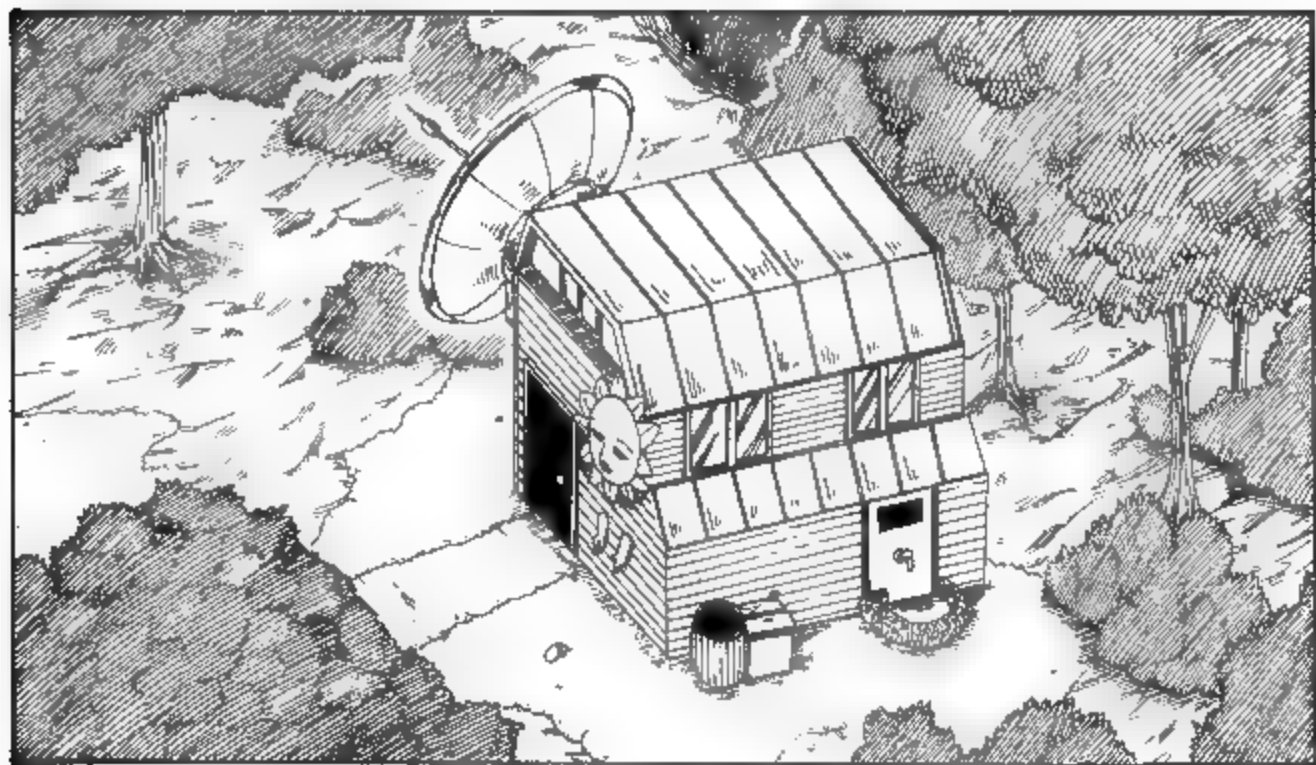
HARU GLORY--
YOU ARE THE
HEIR TO RAVE!

ME?!

Mischief

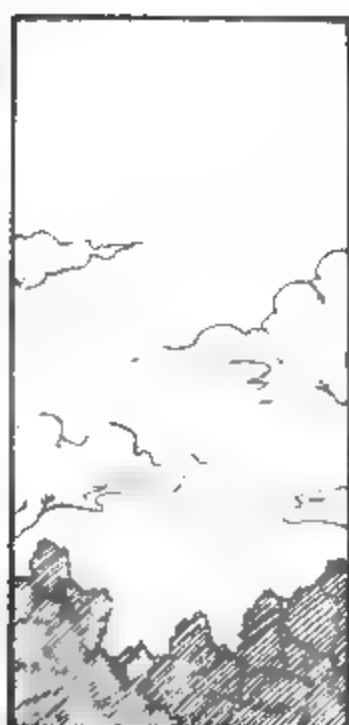


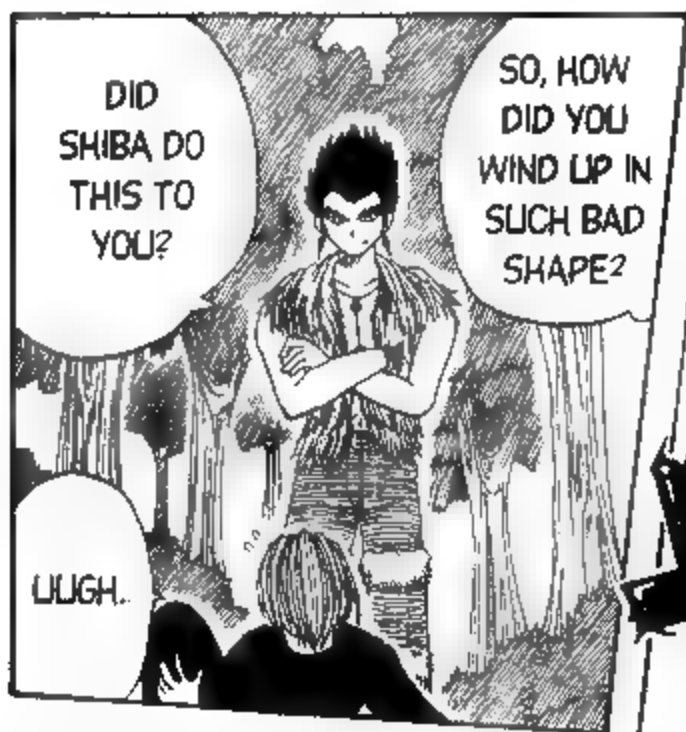
RAVE: 2 ⊕ GUIDING BELL











DID
SHIBA DO
THIS TO
YOU?

SO, HOW
DID YOU
WIND UP IN
SUCH BAD
SHAPE?

UUGH...



THAT BRAT DID THIS TO ME.
BUT HE'D HAVE TO KILL ME BEFORE
I ADMIT IT.

YES.



NO
WONDER.

I SEE...

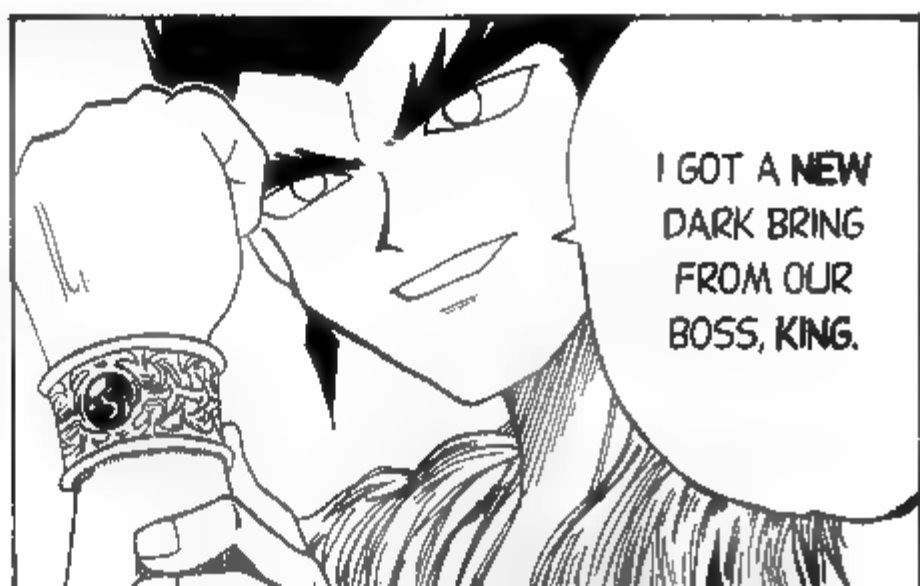


OH, NO REASON,
REALLY.

I JUST CAME TO
SEE HOW MY
SUBORDINATE
WAS DOING.

デーモンカード特別部隊
DEMON CARD SPECIAL TROOPS

SHUDA





KILL SHIBA
AND
BRING ME
RAVE!

I WILL GIVE MY
OLD DARK BRING
TO YOU!



! LISTEN
UP!

Y.. YOU'RE
GIVING A
DARK
BRING
TO ME?



!!

.....

!!

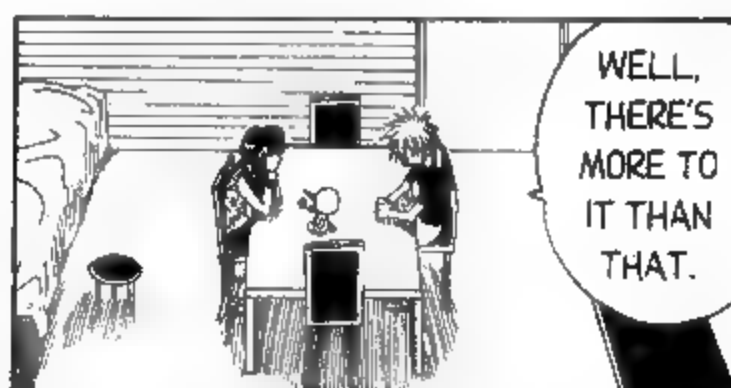
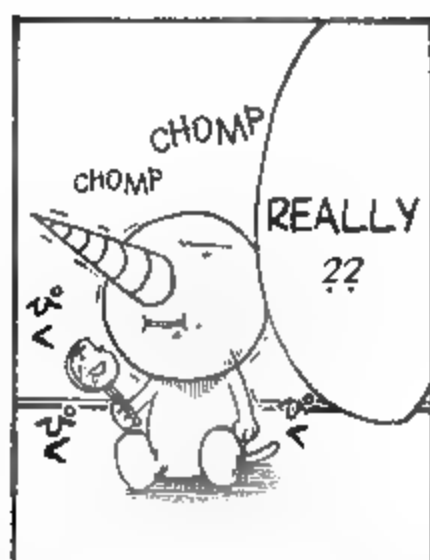
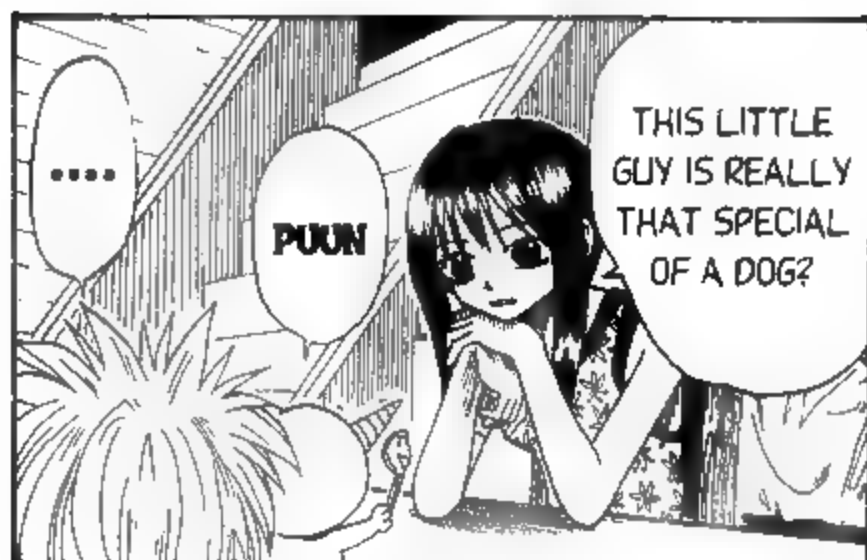


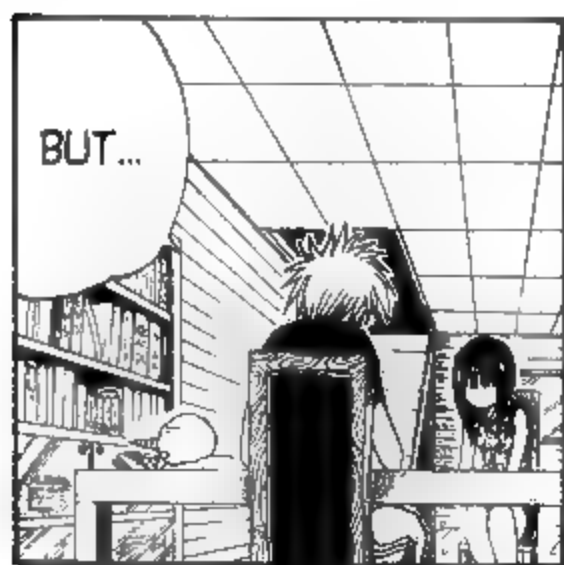
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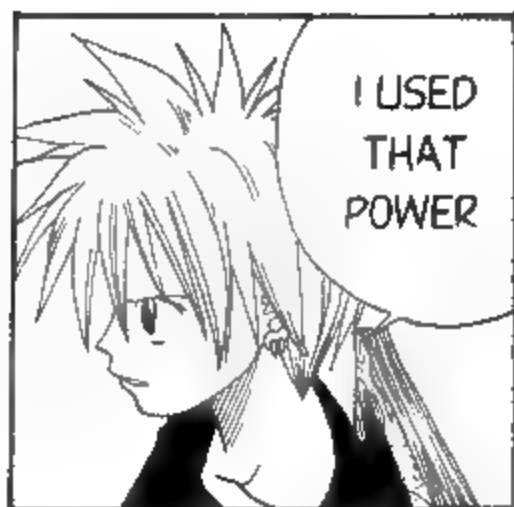
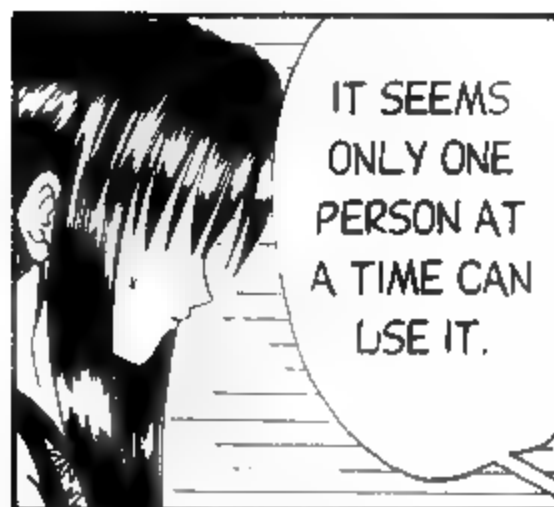


YOU'RE USING MY
DARK BRING...

SO I WILL NOT
TOLERATE
FAILURE!

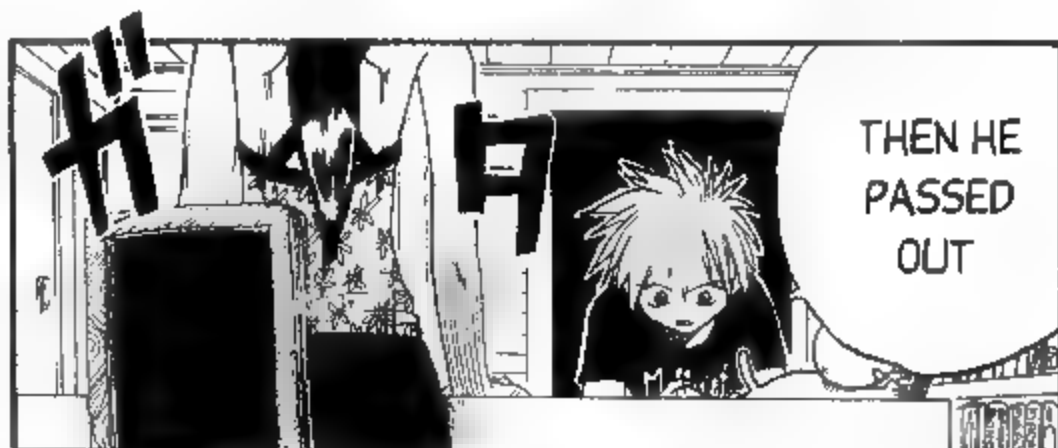




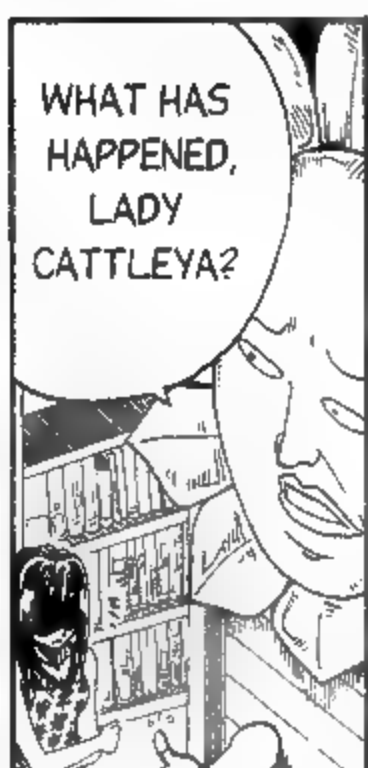


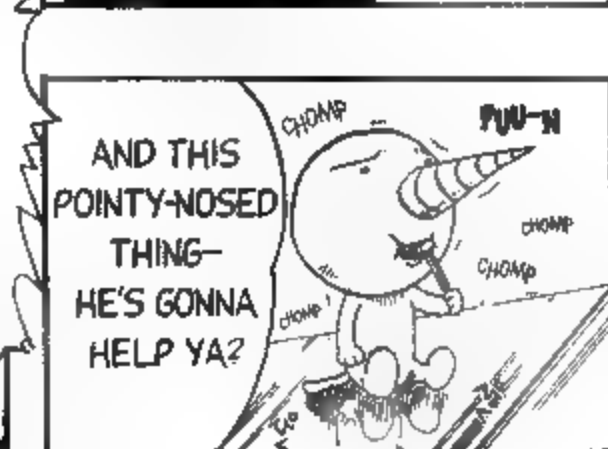
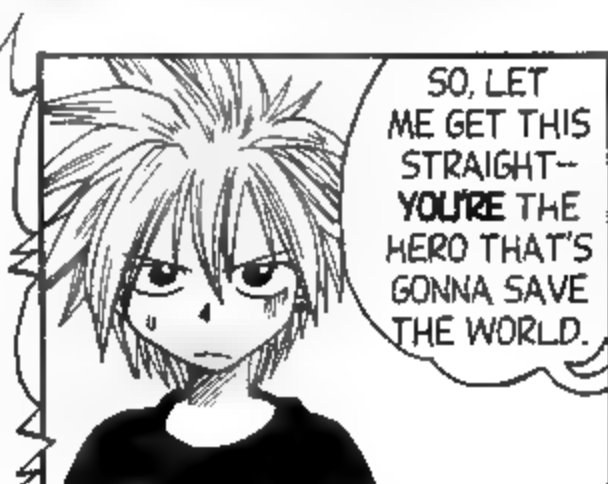
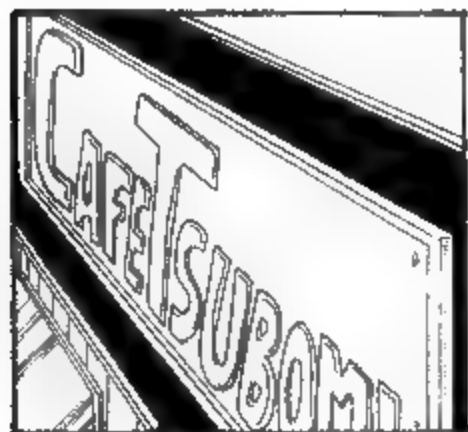
SHIBA HAD BEEN THAT PERSON, BUT THEN HE LOST THAT POWER













AFTER ALL,
YOU'RE HER
ONLY FAMILY.

MAYBE
SHE THOUGHT YOU
WOULD LEAVE AND
NEVER COME BACK?

IN OTHER WORDS, SHE
DOESN'T WANT YOU TO
LEAVE HER.

YEAH
THANKS.

I'LL TELL
HIM TO STOP
TELLING
KIDS CRAZY
STORIES

IF THAT
OLD MAN
WAKES UP,
TELL HIM
TO STOP BY
MY SHOP.

I
GUESS
SO...

HE...HMPF
HMPF—
HE ATE..
THAT
DOLL...

WHAT
THE
HECK
ARE YOU
EATING?

PUUN

LET'S
GO HOME,
PLUE.

BE
CAREFUL
OR YOU'LL
DIE
LAUGHING,
GEMMA.

IS THAT REALLY
A DOG??

BUWA
HAHA
HAHA
HAH!
!!





NOT MANY
PEOPLE ON THIS
ISLAND KNOW
ABOUT
DEMON CARD OR
DARK BRING



WELL
YES

SO IT IS
THOSE
DEMON
CARD
CREEPS'



BUT OUTSIDE THIS ISLAND THEIR EXISTENCE IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE

THEY USE THE POWER OF DARK BRING TO DESTROY
CITY AFTER CITY CULTURE AFTER CULTURE



THE MILITARY HAS GOTTEN
INVOLVED OF COURSE

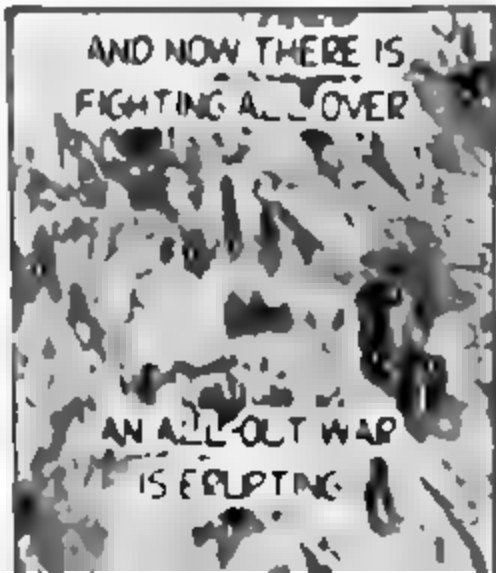
TO THOSE IN DEMON CARD,
IT SERVES SOME SORT OF PURPOSE

BUT TO US IT IS NO DIFFERENT
THAN INDISCRIMINATE TERRORISM



YOU'RE
SAYING
THE
WORLD IS
AT WAR?

WAR



AND NOW THERE IS
FIGHTING ALL OVER

AN ALL-OUT WAR
IS ERUPTING

...AND IF YOU
ASK ME, I SAY
WEAPONS
LIKE RAVE
SHOULD BE
HANDLED OVER
TO THE
GOVERNMENT.

I OVERHEARD
YOUR
CONVERSATION
WITH LADY
CATTLEYA...

INDEED.

NOW, HOW
ABOUT I TELL
YOU A LOVE
STORY FROM
WHEN I WAS
YOUNG?

I'M HOME,
SIS'

NO ONE EVER
WANTS TO
LISTEN TO ME.

I WAS
JUST A
SPROUT,
WORKING
MY FIRST
JOB...

FORGET
IT.

WELCOME
BACK.

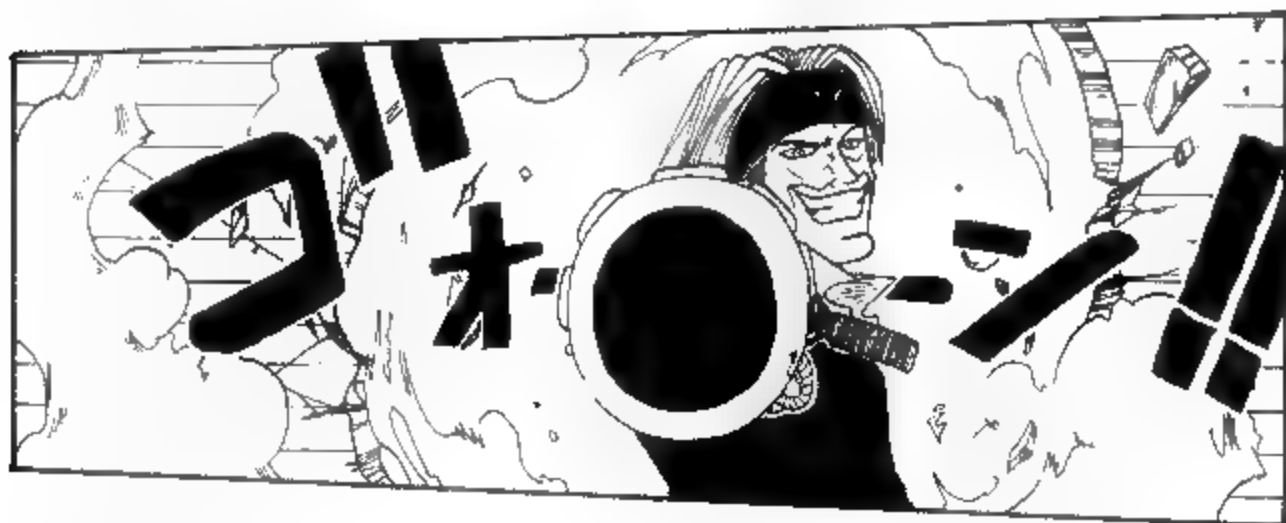


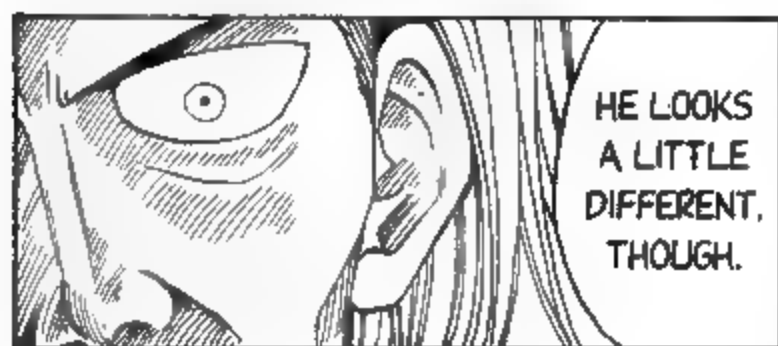
G...GET
OUT OF
HERE!
HURRY!

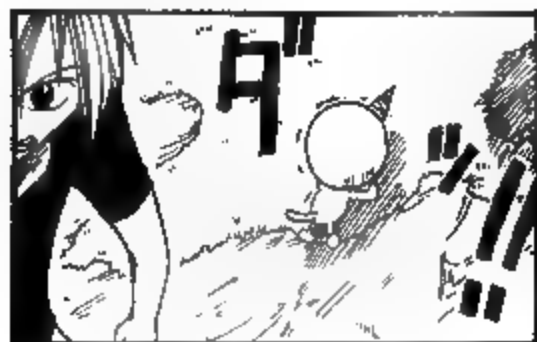
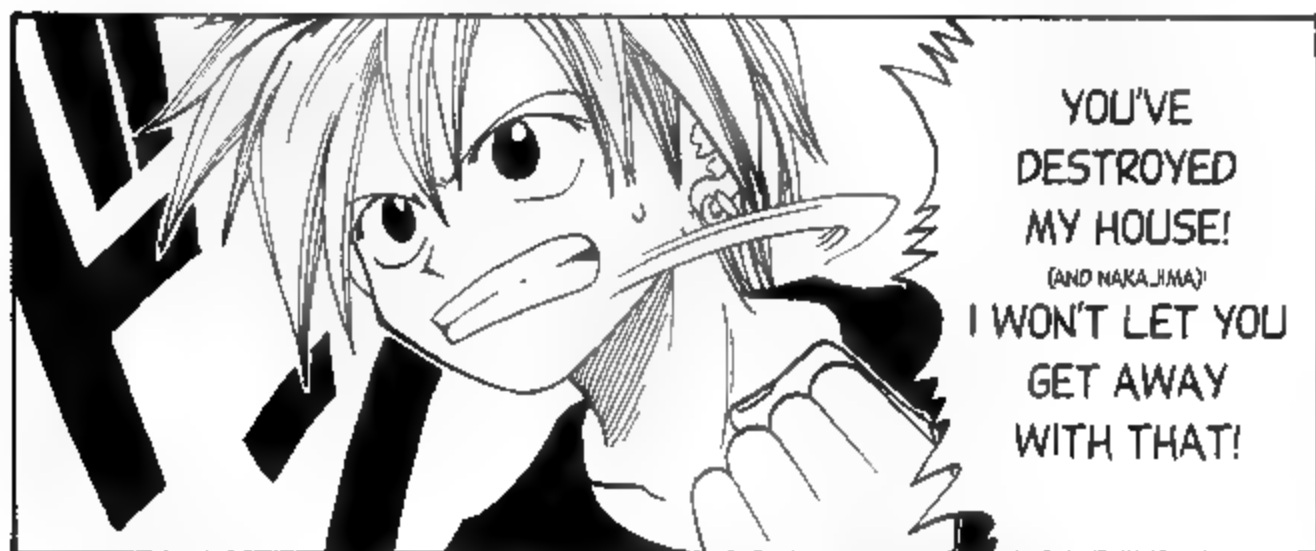


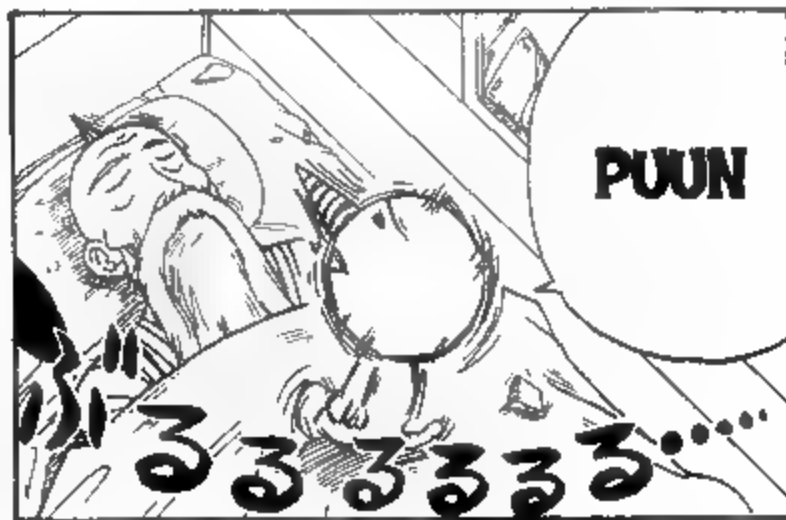
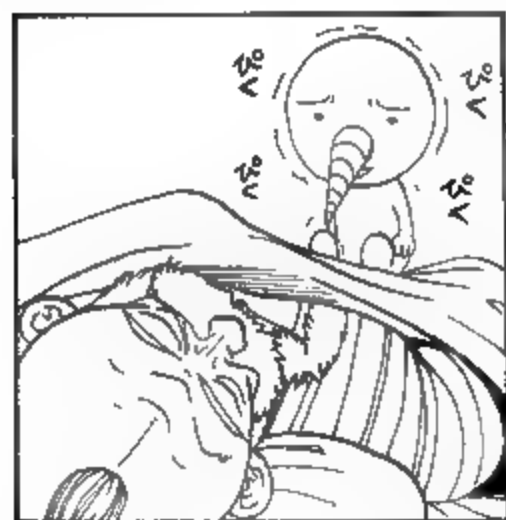
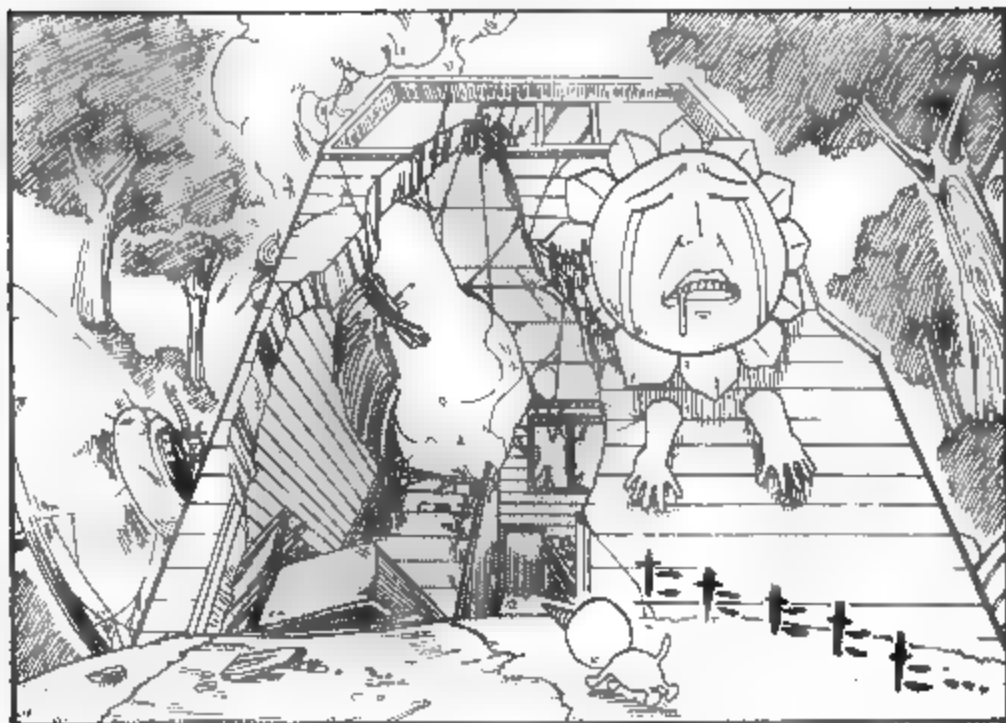


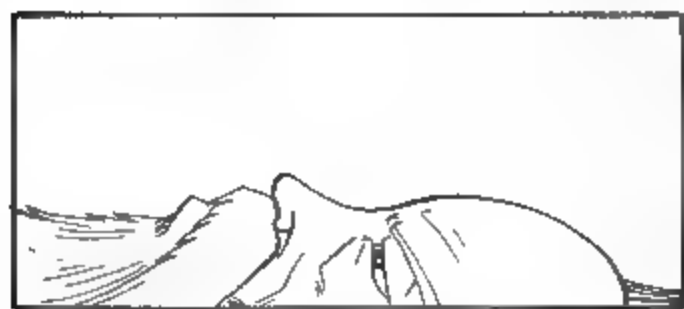
AAAUGH!!!













TAKE
THIS!



WH-WHAT
HAPPENED
?

I DON'T
KNOW... IT
FELT HARD...
LIKE I HIT
METAL OR
SOMETHING



OOW
!!

THE POWER TO
CHANGE MY
BODY INTO
METAL.

THIS IS THE
DARK BRING'S
"FULL METAL"
POWER!!







HEH, HEH.
YOU'RE NOT THE
ONLY ONE WITH
A POWER STONE!
I'LL SHOW YOU
MY EXPLOSIVE
POWERS AGAIN!



HARU!!



SO *YOU*
HAVE
RAVE?



HEH.



LET'S GO,
MR.
SPARKLE!!





SHIBA!!



HARU!!
ARE YOU
OKAY?



YOU CAN'T
GO UP
AGAINST A
DARK BRIG
WITHOUT A
WEAPON!



HE
HEHE...

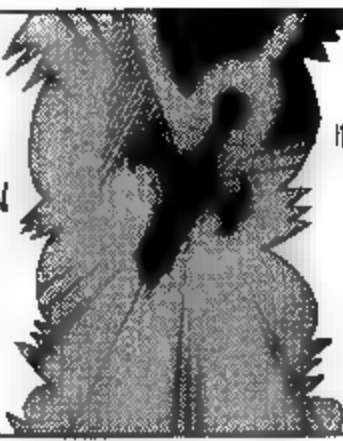
WHAT DO
I DO?
MY ATTACK
DIDN'T EVEN
PHASE THIS
GUY!!



A
SWORD
?!!



USE
THIS!!



PUT
RAVE IN
THERE!

THERE'S AN
INDENTATION
ON THE
SWORD
THE SAME
SHAPE AS
RAVE.



YOU THINK
SOME RUSTY
OLD PUSH-
PIN CAN CUT
THROUGH MY
METAL?



THAT SWORD
IS CALLED THE
"TEN COMMAND-
MENTS." IT
DRAWS ON THE
POWER OF RAVE.



LIKE THIS?



GO ON, HARU.
USE IT TO RIP
HIM TO SHREDS!



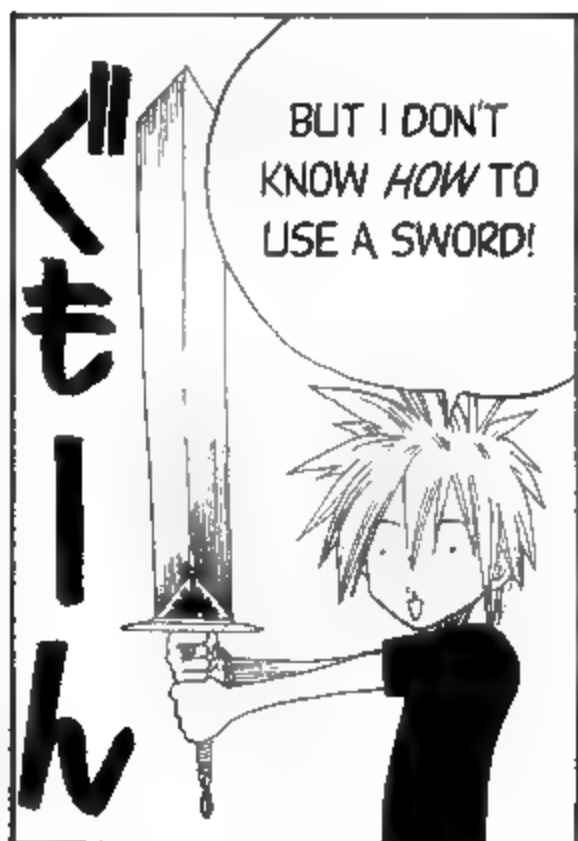
IT...IT
CHANGED
COLOR!



WHAT?



HMM... I GUESS
IT'S TOO MUCH
FOR HIM TO
BE ABLE TO
HANDLE RAVE
AFTER ONLY
ONE DAY



BUT I DON'T
KNOW *HOW* TO
USE A SWORD!



UGH!

WHAT ARE
YOU JUST
STANDIN'
THERE FOR
?!!



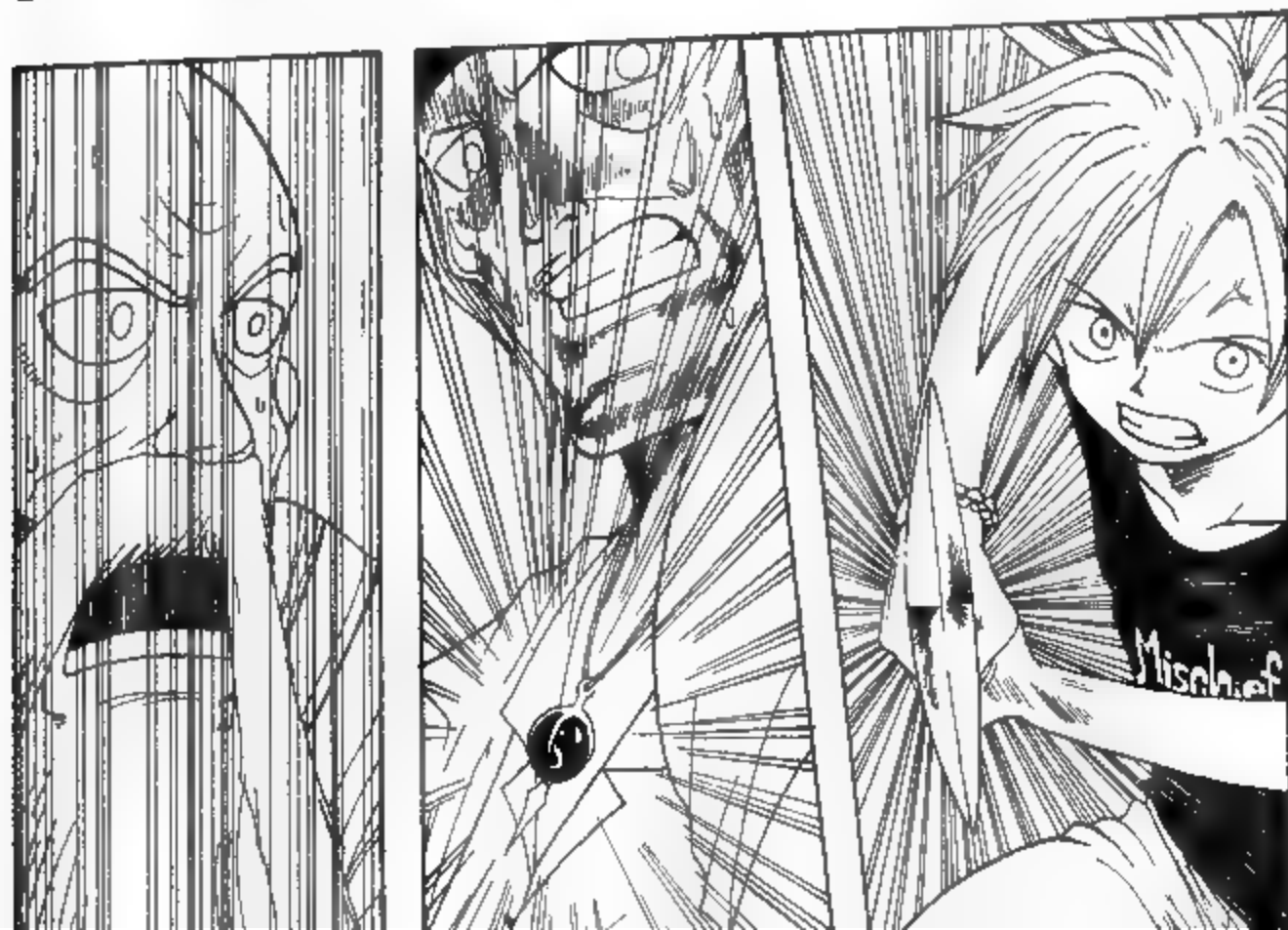
HARU!







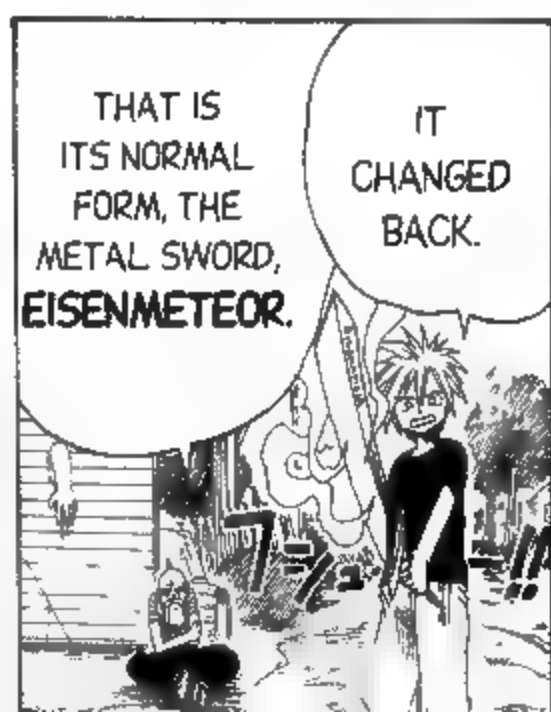
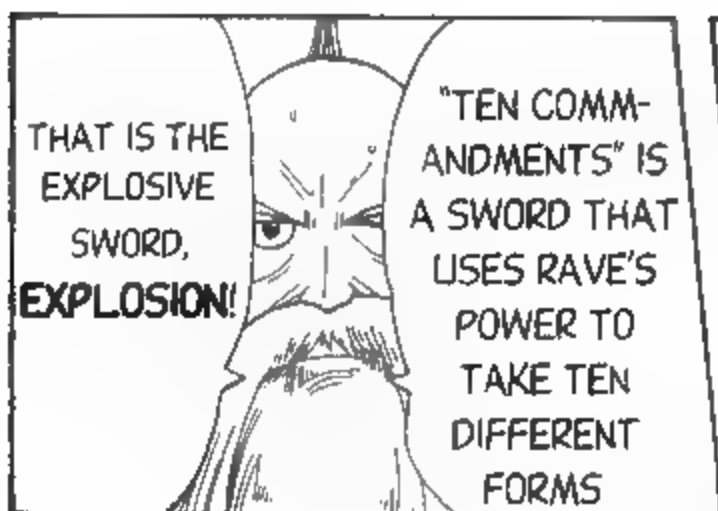






**GYA
AAH
H
!!!!**





...JUST MIGHT
BECOME A
GREATER RAVE
MASTER
THAN I WAS

THIS
KID...



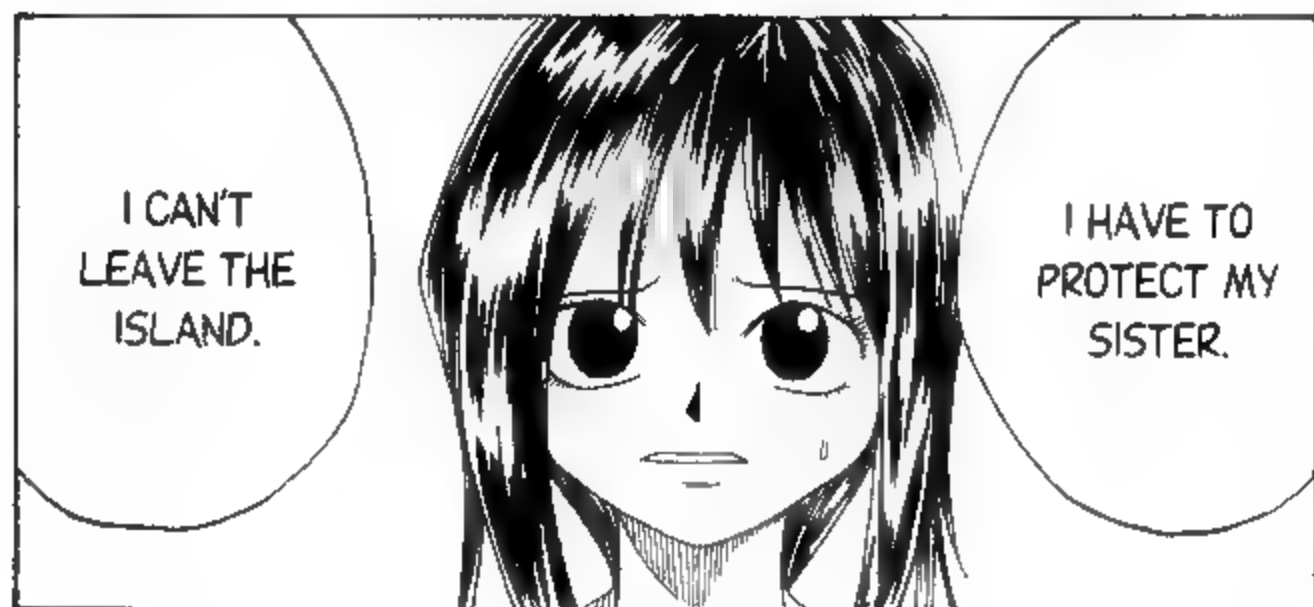
JUST
LEAVE
EVERY-
THING TO
ME!!

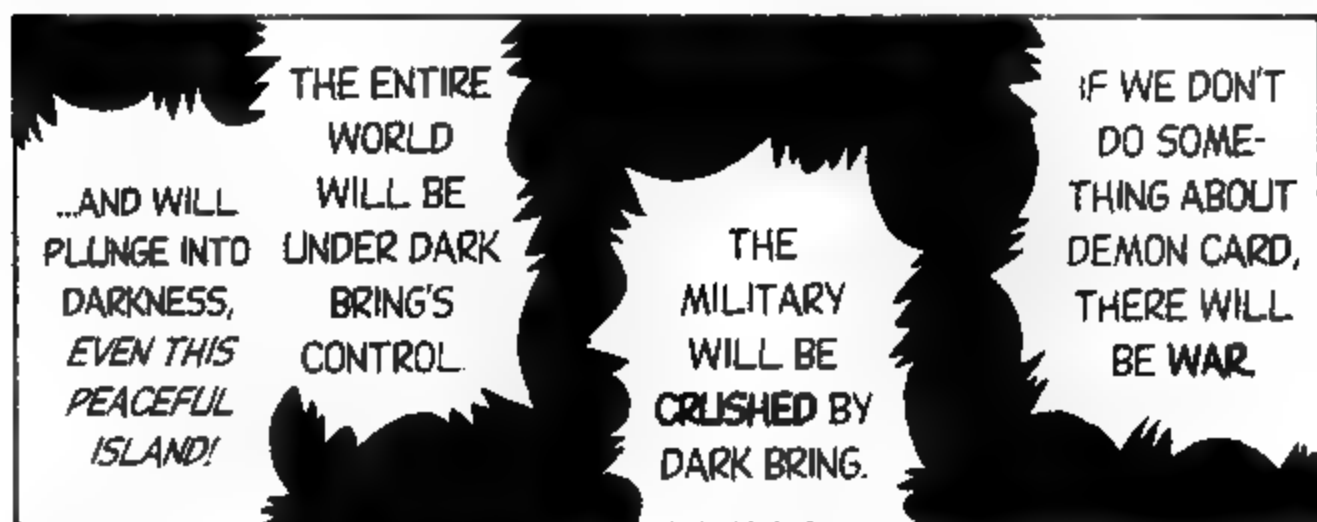
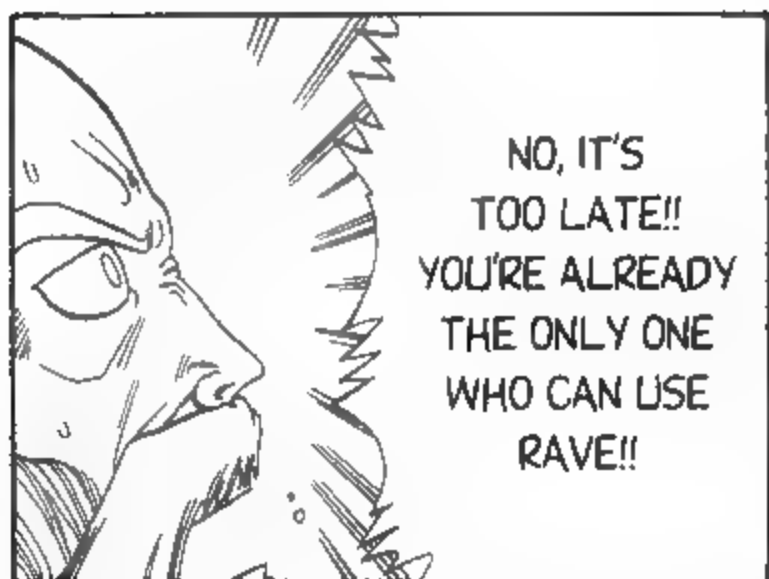
YOU'VE
DONE
WELL,
HARU.



SHIBA.







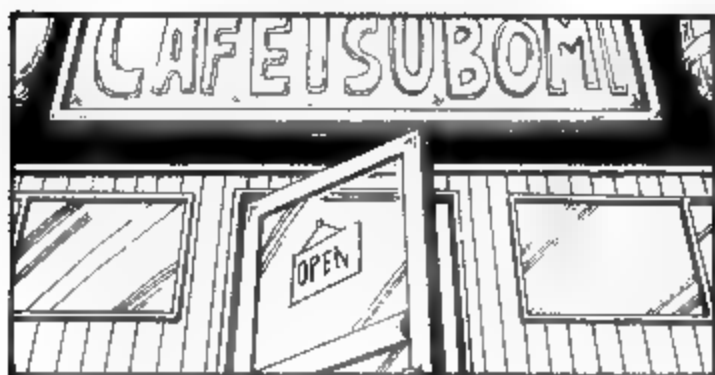
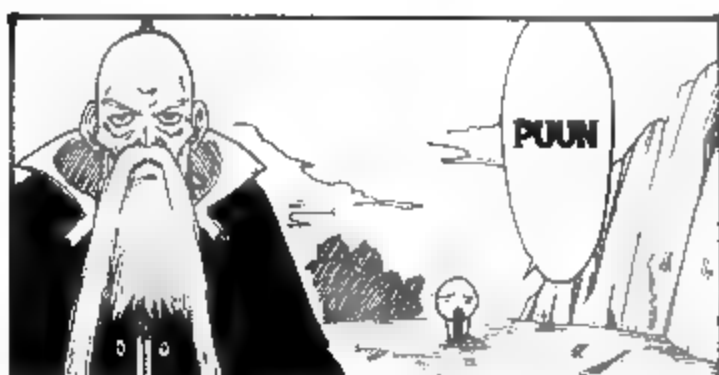
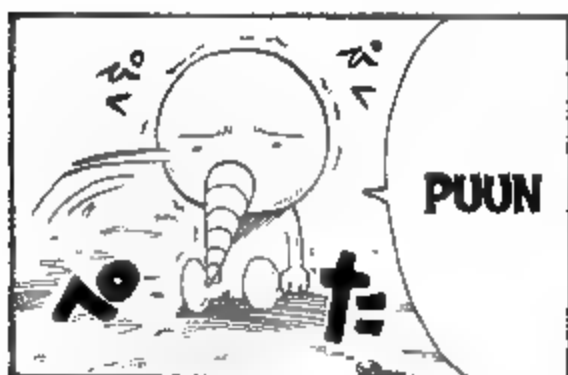


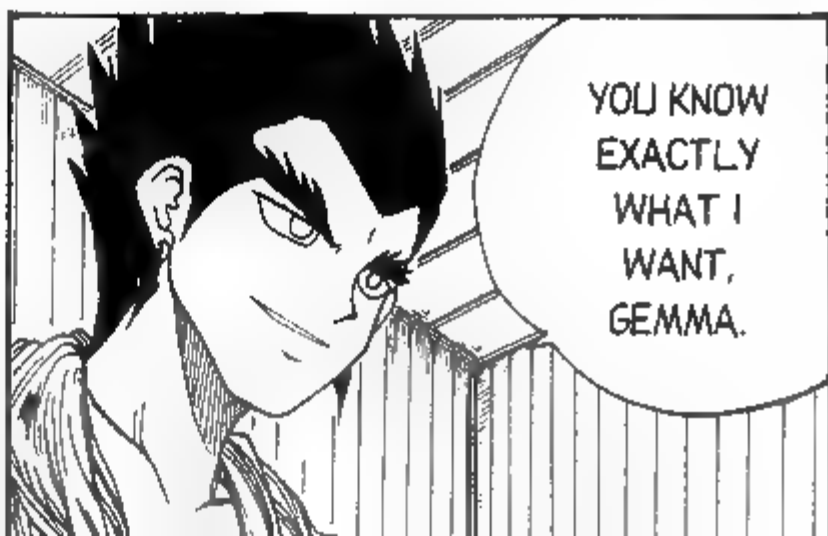


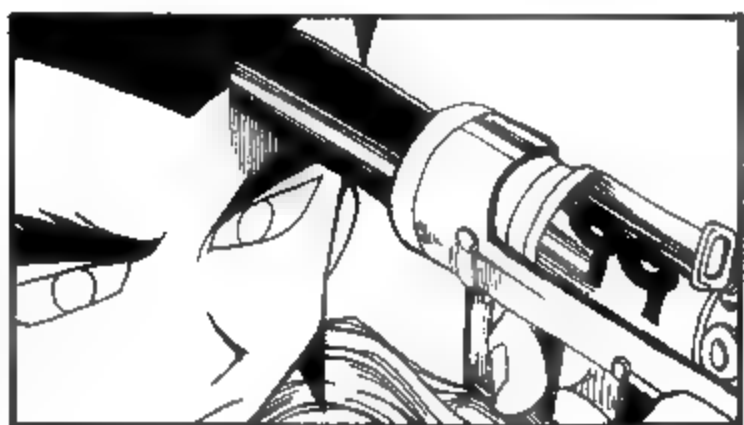
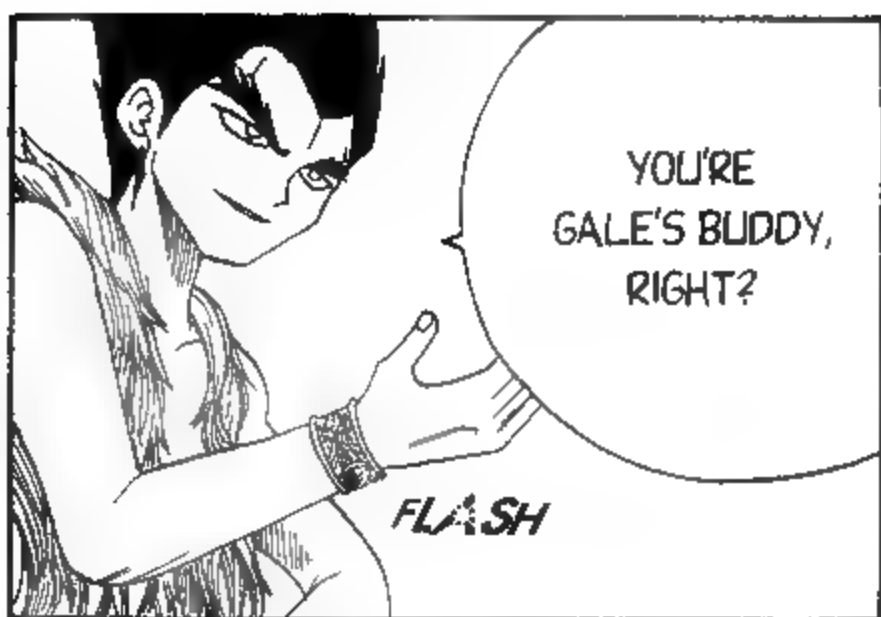
...BUT IS THAT
REALLY THE
RIGHT THING
TO DO?

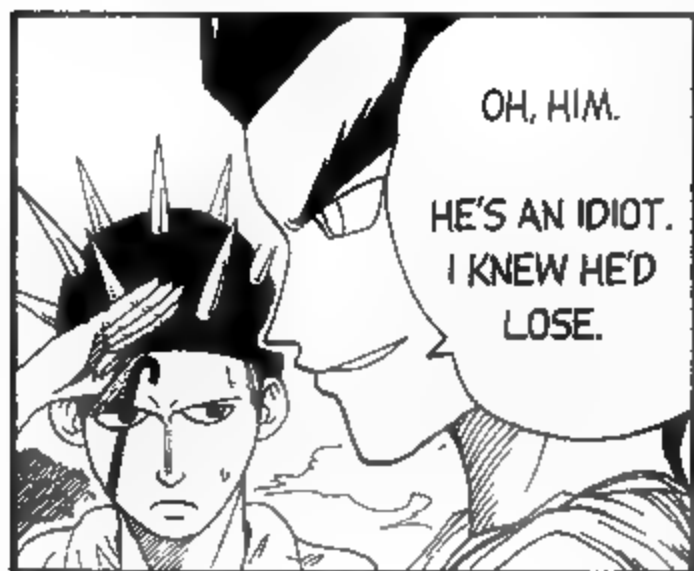
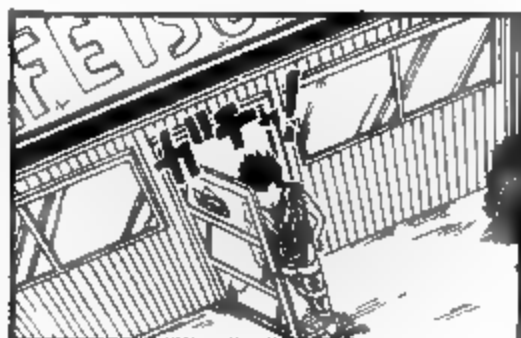


HARU IS
GOING TO
STAY ON THE
ISLAND FOR
MY SAKE.



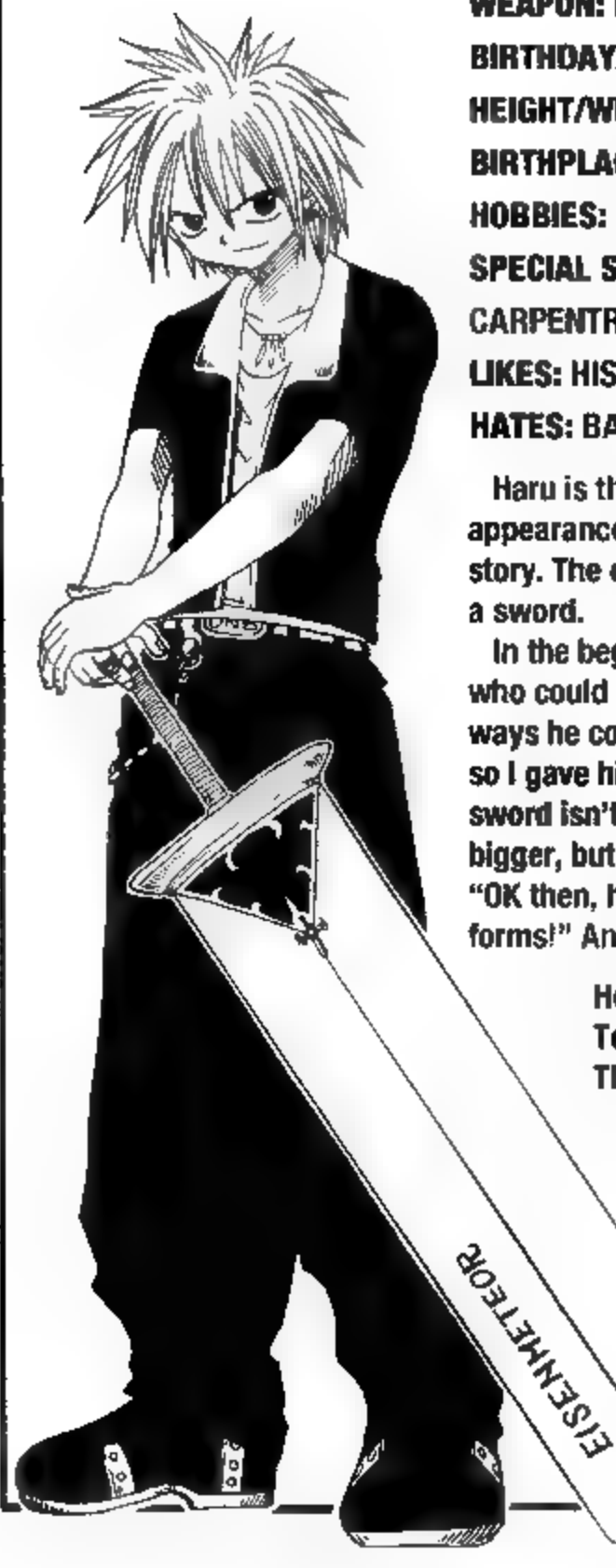








SECOND RAVE MASTER: HARU



WEAPON: RAVE & SWORD (TEN COMMANDMENTS)

BIRTHDAY/AGE: JULY 7, 0050 / 16 YEARS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT/BLOODTYPE: 168CM / 55KG / B

BIRTHPLACE: GARAGE ISLAND

HOBBIES: WALKING, STARGAZING

SPECIAL SKILLS: GENERAL ATHLETICISM &
CARPENTRY (USED TO BE HIS PART-TIME JOB)

LIKES: HIS SISTER

HATES: BAD PEOPLE

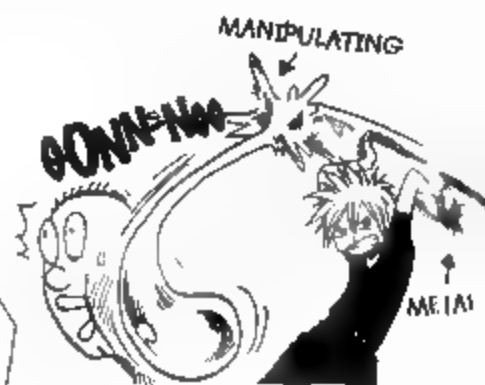
Haru is this comic's hero. I had his name and appearance in mind before I ever began writing the story. The only thing that has changed is his use of a sword.

In the beginning stages, he was an alchemist who could manipulate metal. But then, the different ways he could attack were just way too maniacal, so I gave him a sword instead. Just an ordinary sword isn't very interesting, though. So I made it bigger, but it was still rather boring. Then I thought, "OK then, how about a sword that has ten different forms!" And so this sword was born.

He's pretty nice...

Tender-hearted, but strong!

That's the kind of boy I wanted to draw.



RAVE'S BEARER: PLUE

WEAPON: NOSE...I MEAN HORN...I MEAN  ← THIS

BIRTHDAY/AGE: UNKNOWN / UNKNOWN

HEIGHT/WEIGHT/BLOODTYPE:

40CM (WHEN STANDING) / 2.6KG / UNKNOWN

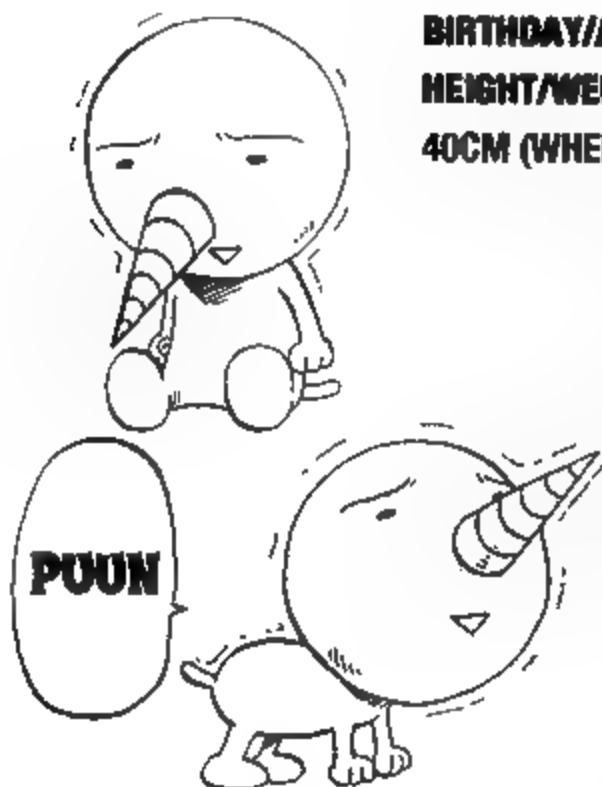
BIRTHPLACE: UNKNOWN

HOBBIES: SLEEPING & EATING

SPECIAL SKILLS: HE CAN PREVENT
WOUNDS AND INJURIES FROM
PROGRESSING (HE CANNOT CURE THEM)

LIKES: CANDY

HATES: BEING HUNGRY



This character I thought up while doodling in middle school, but I never thought he would appear in my comic.

Even I don't remember if I modeled him after a dog or what, so he's kinda mysterious. Incidentally, he may appear simple, but he's actually hard to draw.

**ANSWERS
TO YOUR QUESTIONS
ABOUT RAVE
MASTER**

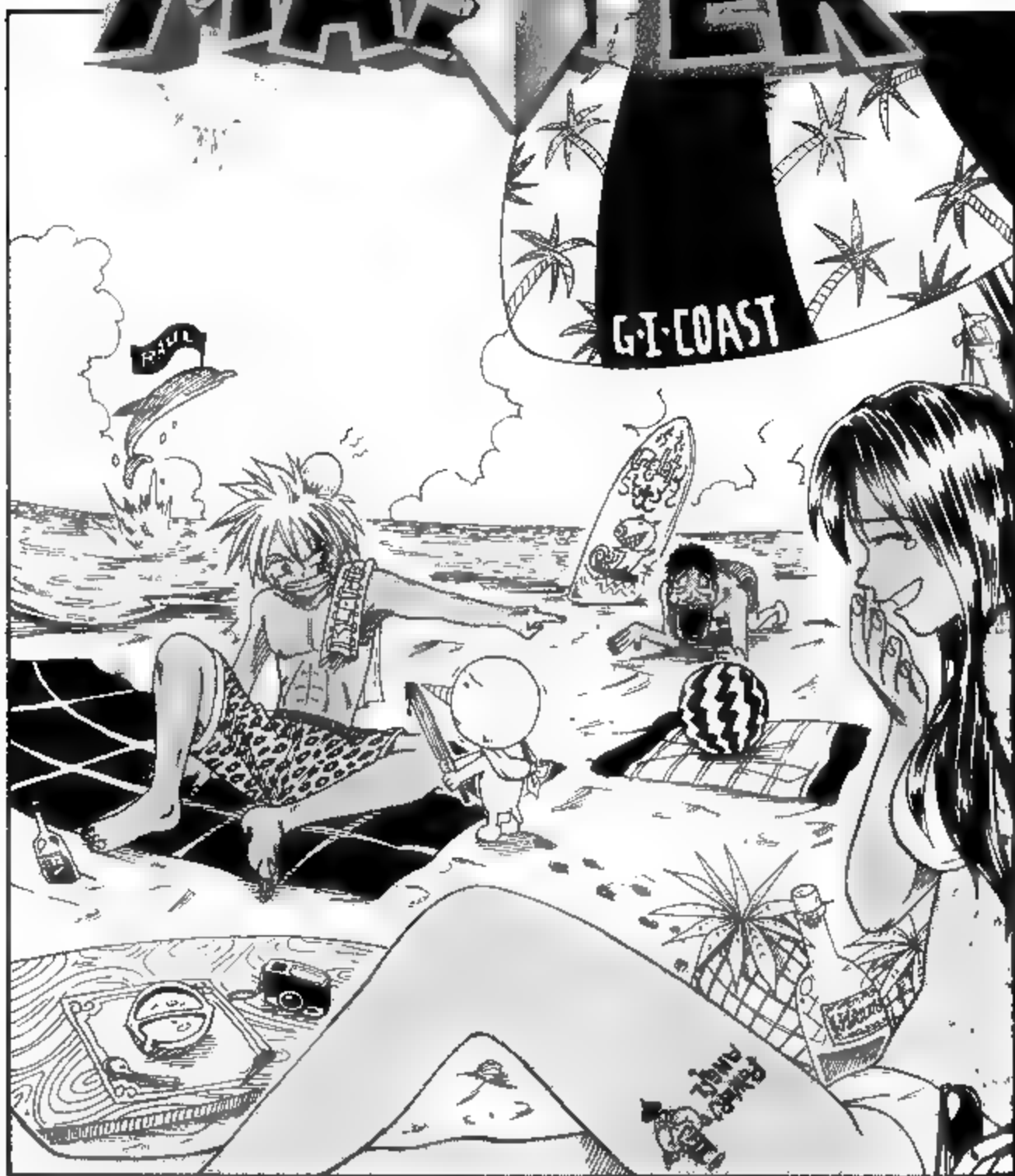
Q. How many Raves are there?

A. Five, including Shiba's

Q. Why is Plue always shaking?

A. It's a secret!

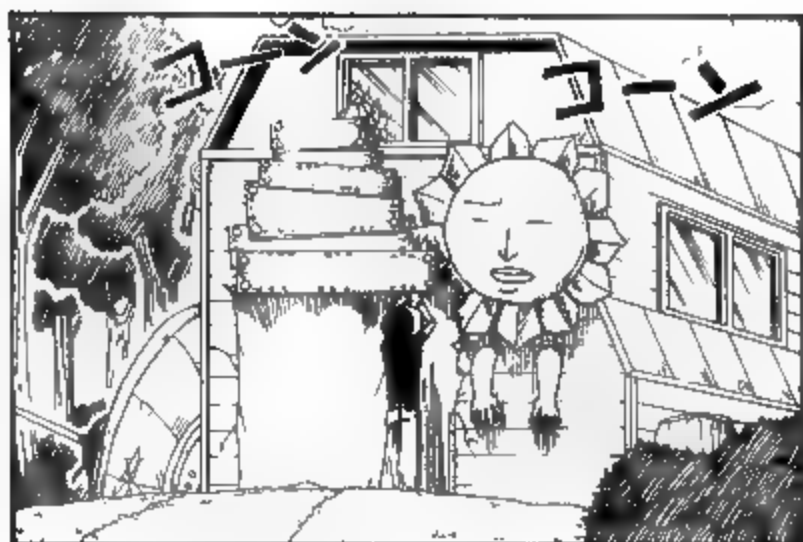
RAVE MASTER



RAVE: 3 + RED SIGNAL



HARU!!



L.M.
YOUNG
MASTER,
YOU'RE
STABBING
ME

YO, SHIGE!
WHAT'S
UP?



スササ HARU!



YOU SHOULD
GET OUT OF
HERE!

HARU!
BIG TROUBLE!!
SOME FREAK
IS ATTACKING
THE TOWN!



UGH...



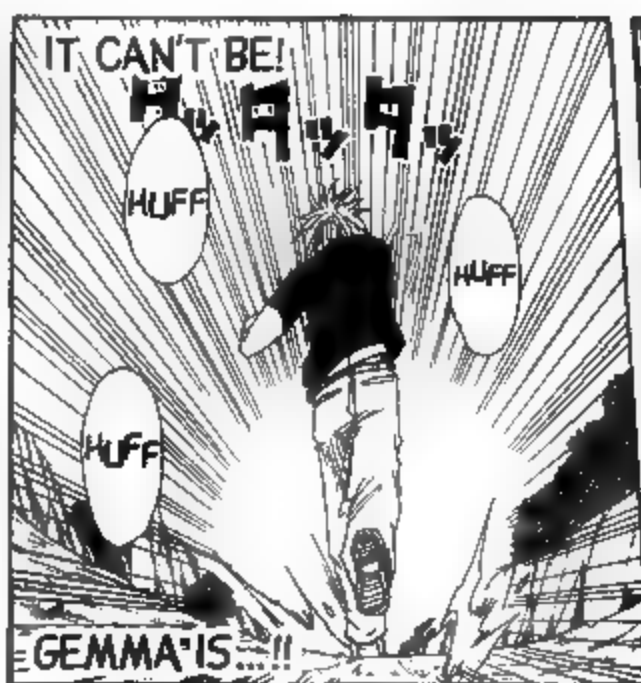
EX-
CEPT

I
DON'T
KNOW

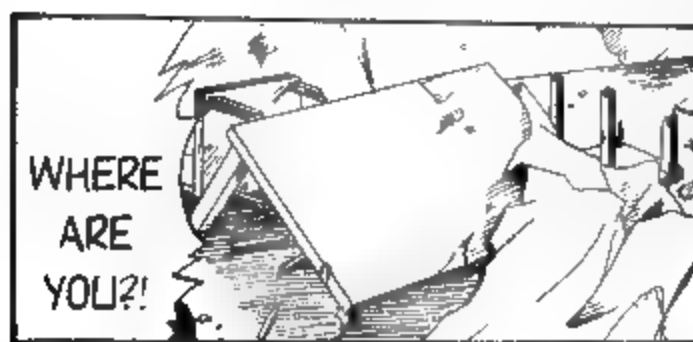
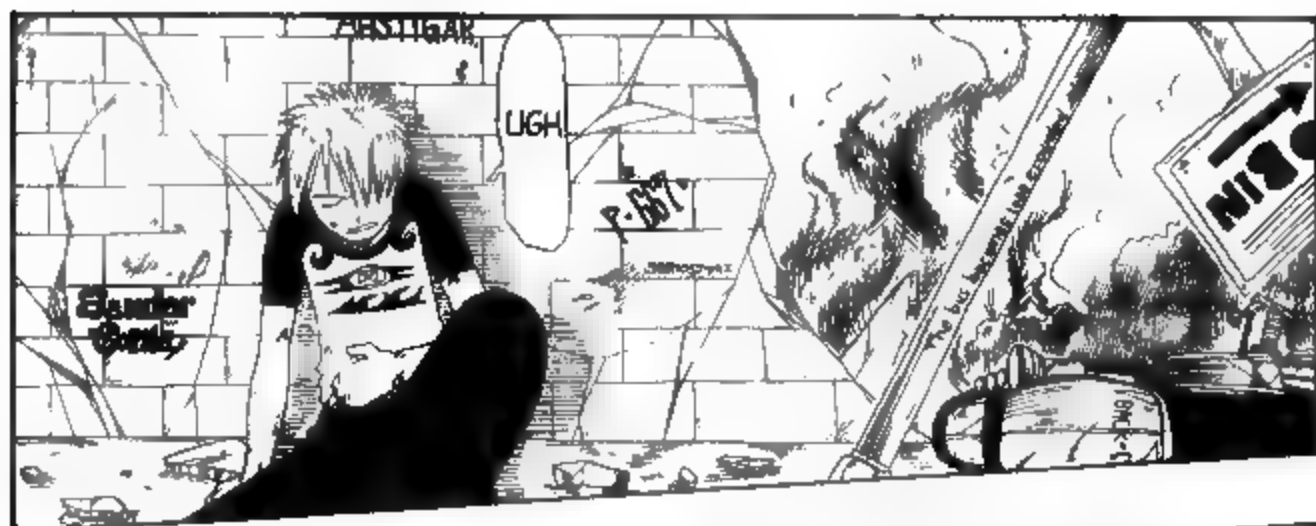


IS
EVERYBODY
OKAY?!

!!











HARLI



HE'S
STILL
ALIVE!



UGH...



...NO.. I
HAVE
TO
TELL
YOU...



YOU'RE
HURT
SO BAD!
DON'T
TALK!

I HAVE
SOMETHING VERY
IMPORTANT TO
TELL YOU, SO
LISTEN CARE-
FULLY..



HE'S...
AAAGH!



WE'LL
TALK
ABOUT IT
LATER!
DON'T
TALK!!



...ABOUT
YOUR
FATHER...

GALE...

HHUUHH--

GAASP--

DON'T
TALK!!
GEMMA!

COUGH!

BEFORE I
PASS OUT,
I HAVE TO
TELL YOU...

I THINK
I'M
DYING.

THE
BLEEDING
ISN'T
STOPPING..

WHO WOULD DO THIS?

DEMON CARD!?

WHA-
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?!

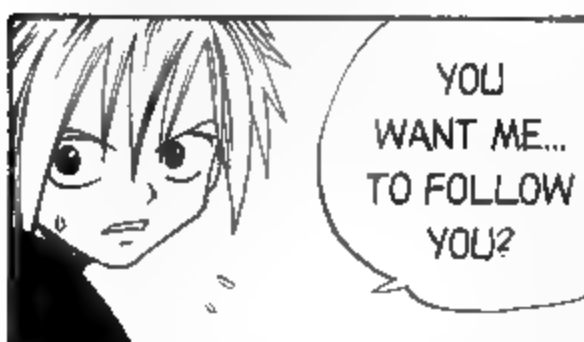
PUUN!

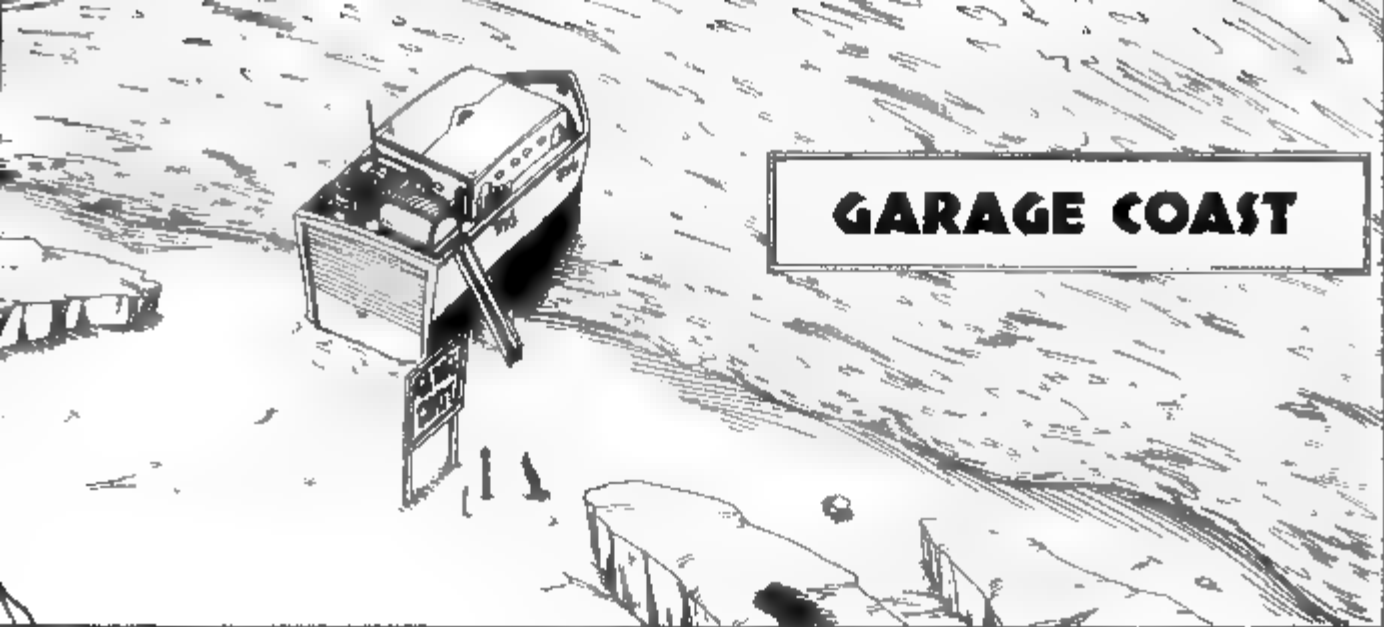
PLUE!

PUUNT!

?

THANK
GOODNESS
YOU'RE
HERE!
GO GET A
DOCTOR!





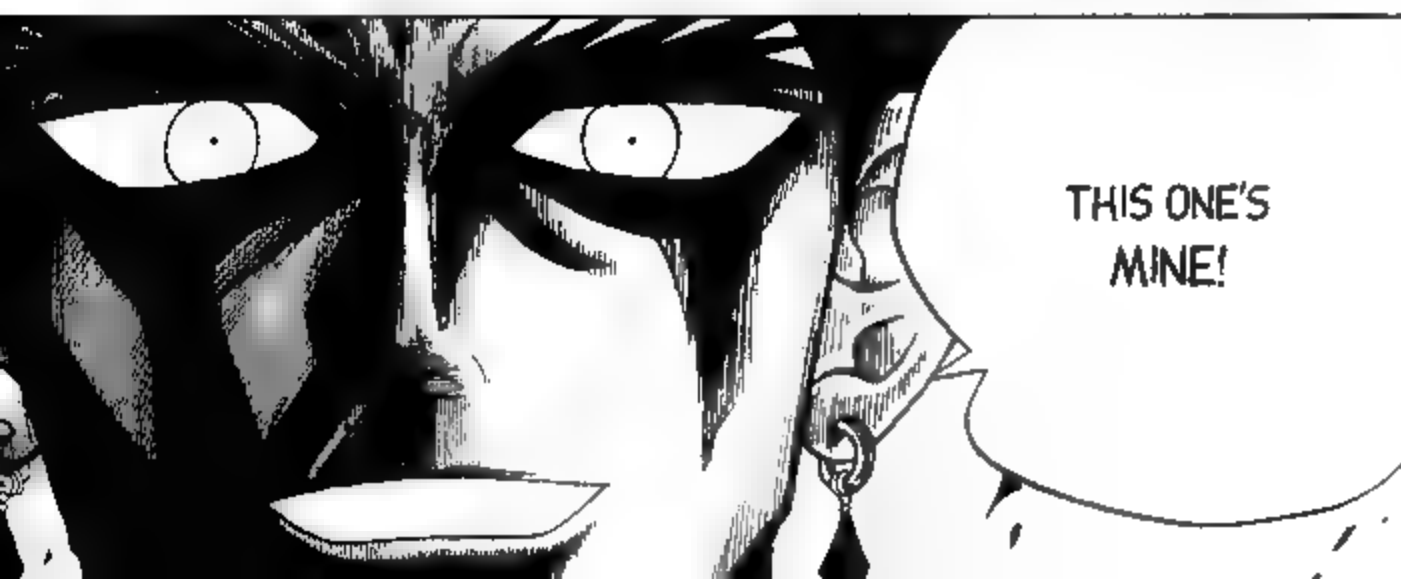
GARAGE COAST



I'LL TAKE RAVE



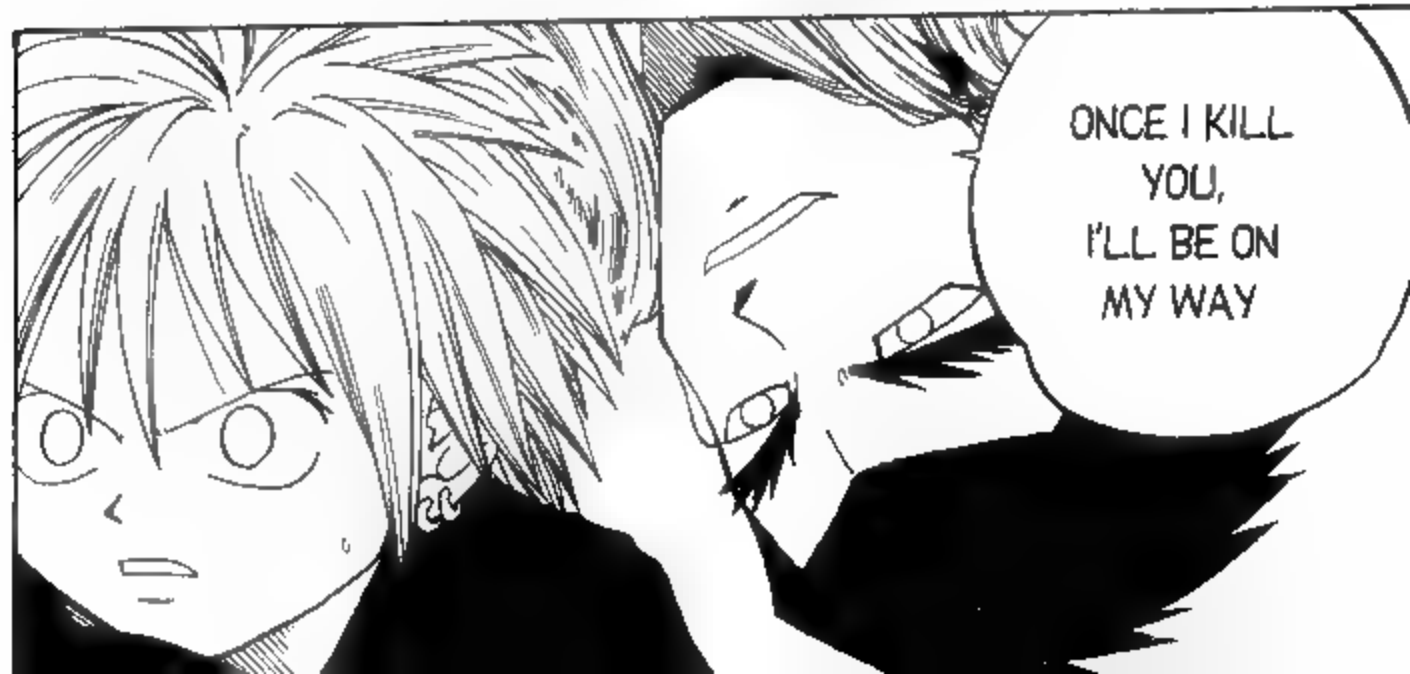






OH,
I DON'T
PLAN ON
STAYING
LONG.

GET OFF
THIS
ISLAND!!



ONCE I KILL
YOU,
I'LL BE ON
MY WAY



WHAT'S
THE DEAL
WITH
THESE
FLAMES?!?

THEY WON'T
GO OUT!!

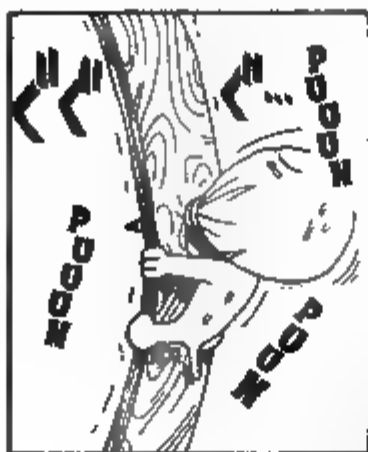
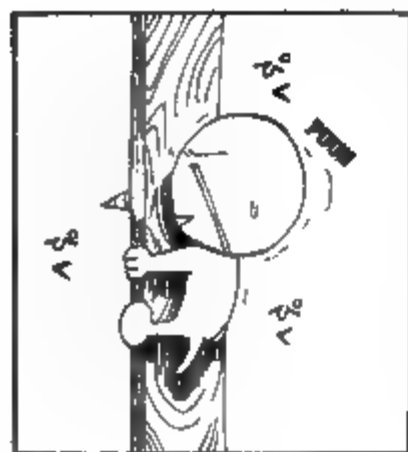
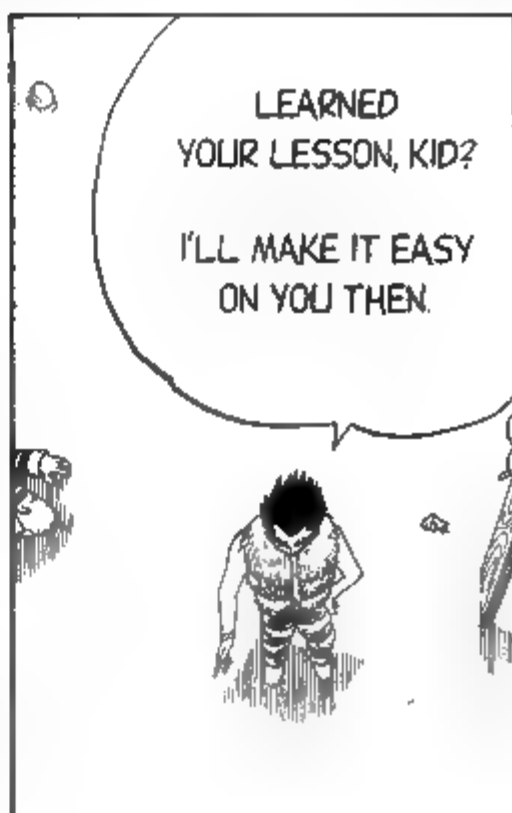
AW,
SNAP!
I'M ON
FIRE!!
OW!
OW!



FEELING A LITTLE
HOT UNDER THE
COLLAR? THAT'S
THE POWER OF MY
VALSYAR FLAMES.
THEY KEEP BURNING
UNTIL THEIR TARGET
IS DEAD.



G
A
A
H
H
!!











HA HA
HAHAHA-
HA HA!









WAIT!!

BUT, MASTER SHUDA! THERE'S A RAVE RIGHT THERE! RIPE FOR THE TAKING!

THE DARK BRING WAS DESTROYED. WE'RE NO MATCH FOR HIM NOW



LET'S GO HOME, MEN!



WE SHOULD OBSERVE HIM FOR A WHILE.

AND BESIDES, THE BRAT IS GALE'S SON IT'D BE A WASTE TO OFF HIM NOW.



YESSIR!

SHOOT, BUT DON'T KILL HIM



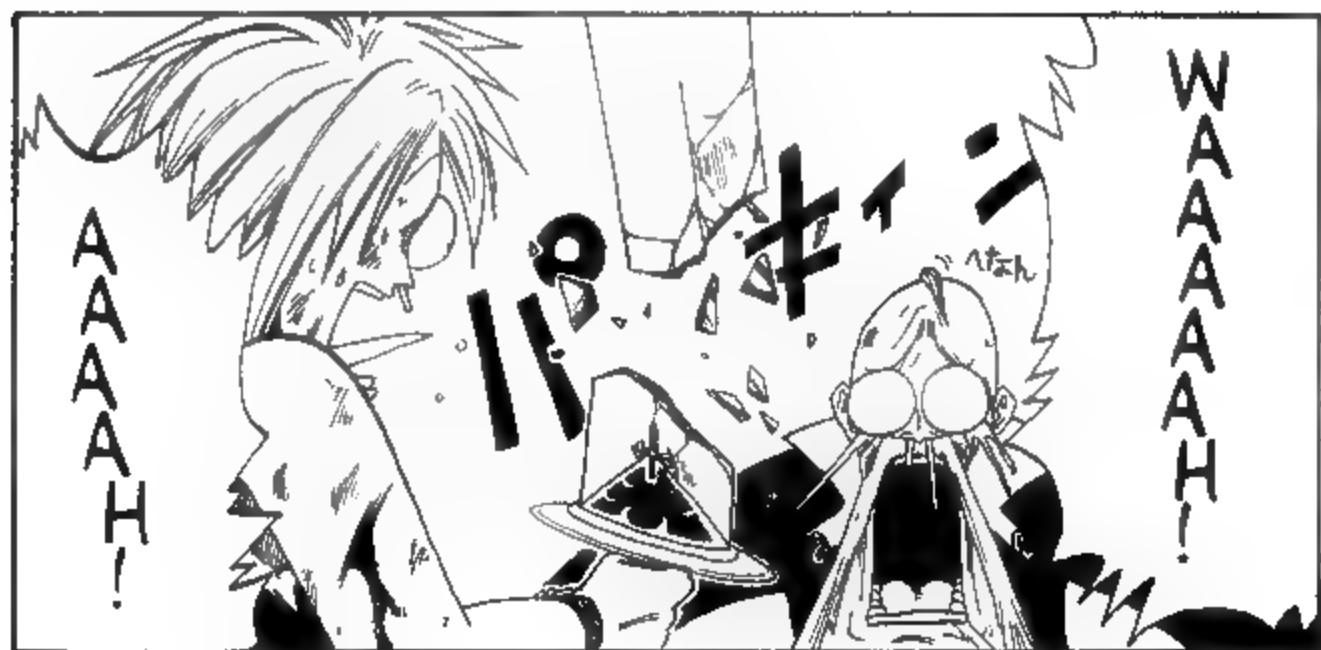
HA HA
HAHA
HA HA
HAHA!

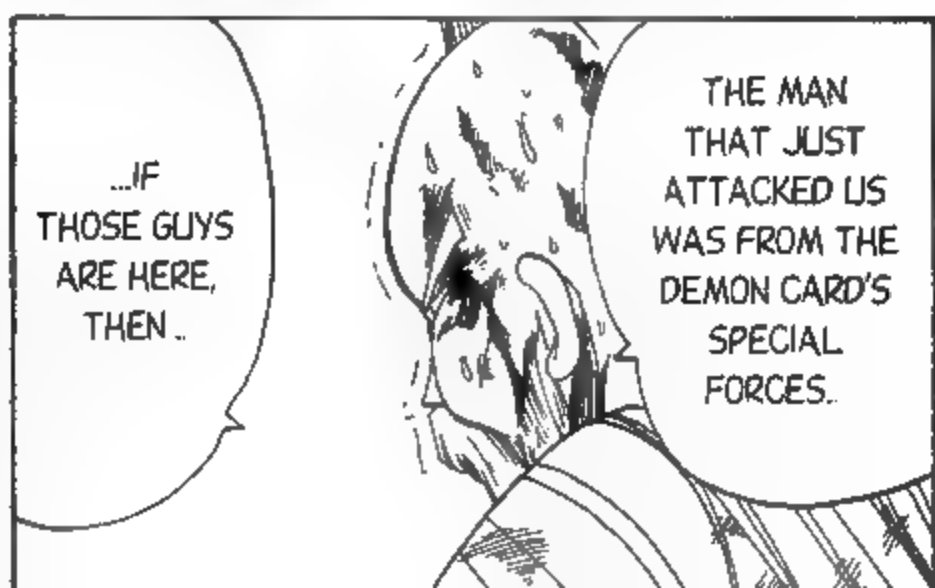
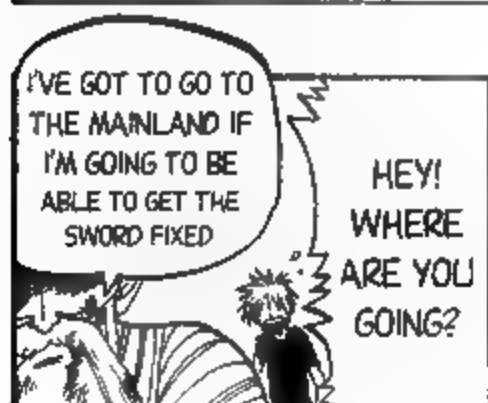


WAIT!!

TELL
ME
ABOUT
MY
FATHER
"





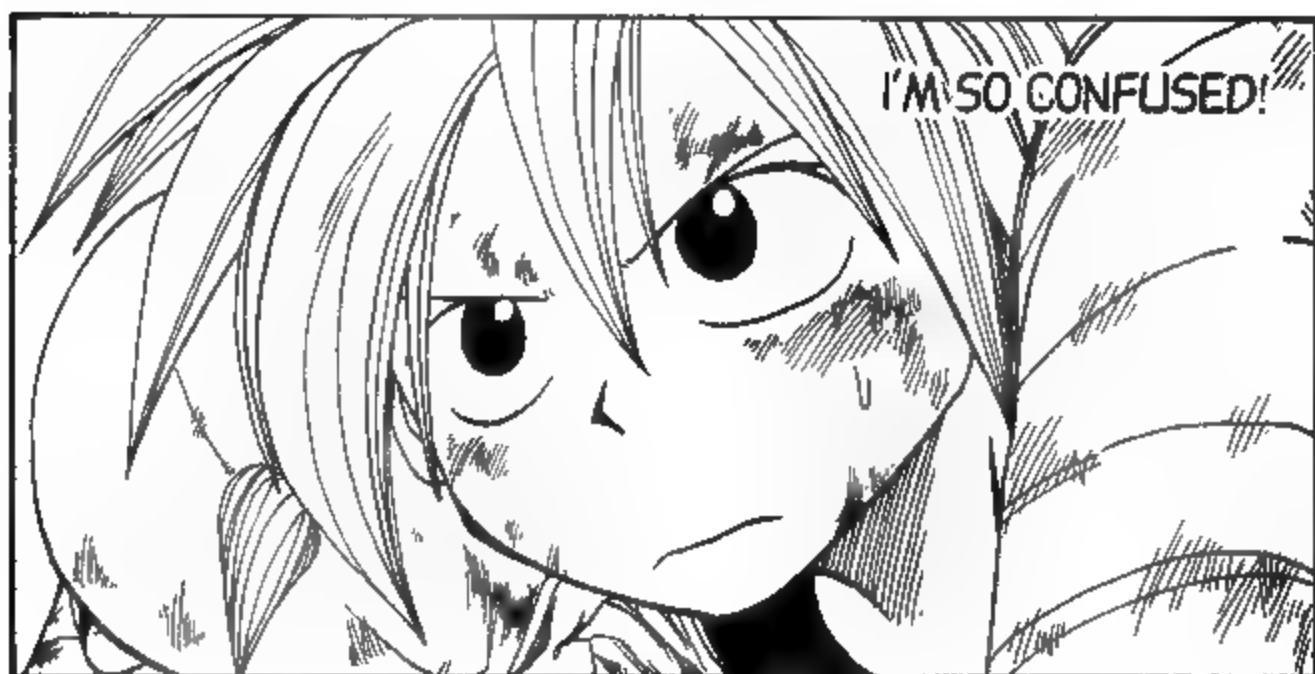




SHIBA!!



WHAT SHOULD I DO?



I'M SO CONFUSED!

FIRST RAVE MASTER: THE SWORD SAINT SHIBA

WEAPON: RAVE & SWORD (TEN COMMANDMENTS)

BIRTHDAY/AGE: NOVEMBER 11, 9992 / 74 YEARS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT/BLOODTYPE: 155CM / 50KG / AB

BIRTHPLACE: GARAGE ISLAND

HOBBIES: READING & WRITING

SPECIAL SKILLS: WILL CRY ANYWHERE &
EVERYWHERE

LIKES: HIS HOMETLAND (GARAGE ISLAND)

HATES: DARK BRING

Shiba, the coward. He's the character with the most variety of appearance and attitude. Initially, he was supposed to have died, but even with Haru and Plue going off on a fun adventure, his death would have left a bad aftertaste. So he was reborn!

Look forward to his reappearance!!



SHIBA AS HE
FIRST LOOKED

HE WAS SET UP
AS A PROPHET



the
**RAVE
MASTER**
TIMELINE
at a glance

SHIBA
BORN
9992

RAVE AND
DARK BRING
WAR BEGINS
0015

HARU
BORN
0050

HARU'S MOTHER
SAKURA DIES
0056

PRESENT
0066

0000
YEAR 10000
NEW CENTURY

0016
WAR ENDS
OVERDRIVE

0051
HARU'S FATHER
GALE LEAVES
THE ISLAND

0060
NAKAJIMA
COMES TO
THE ISLAND

TO BE
CONTINUED

RAVE MASTER

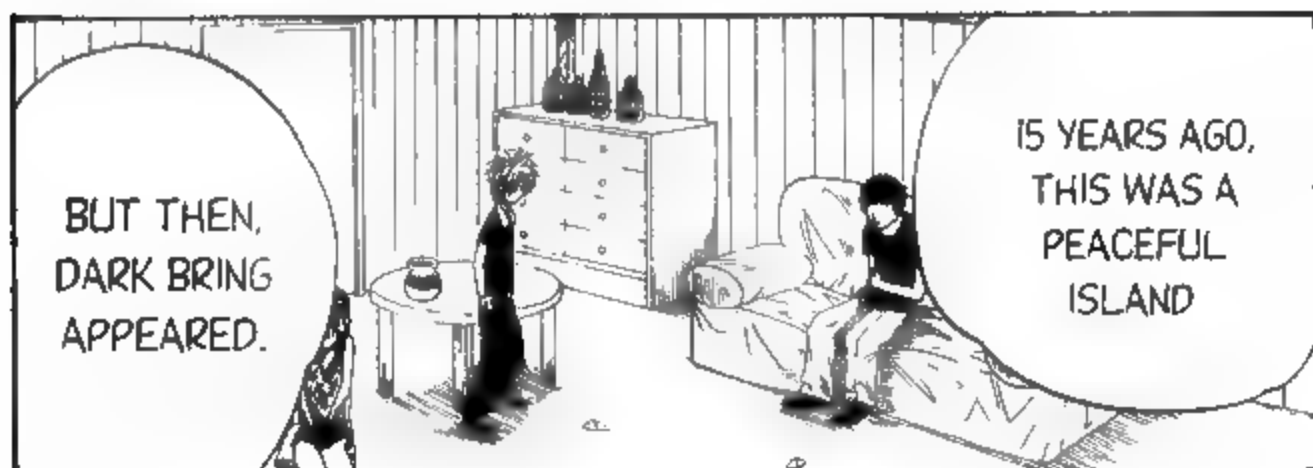


RAVE: 4  STAIRWAY TO THE UNKNOWN









BUT THEN,
DARK BRING
APPEARED.

15 YEARS AGO,
THIS WAS A
PEACEFUL
ISLAND



GALE WANTED
TO DESTROY THE
DARK BRING. HE
LEFT THE ISLAND
TO SEARCH FOR
THE ONLY THING
THAT COULD STOP
IT . RAVE



THAT'S
ALL I
KNOW.



BUT .
WHY DID
DAD.



IT'S BEEN 15
YEARS NOW AND I
STILL HAVEN'T
HEARD FROM HIM.



BUT I CAN
TELL YOU
THIS...

THAT
DAY, 15
YEARS
AGO

GALE DIDN'T
ABANDON YOU

HE'S
SLEEP-
ING..

WHERE
IS
HARU?

MUST

I HOPE
YOU CAN
FIND
RAVE,
DADDY

ぐす、ぐす...

CATTLEYA,
DON'T CRY,
NOW. SAY
BYE-BYE TO
DADDY

I SEE..
I WONDER HOW BIG
HE'LL BE WHEN
GET BACK. I CAN'T
WAIT TO SEE HOW
HE GROWS UP.

BLT..
BUT..!

CATTLEYA,
PLEASE DON'T CRY
THAT MAKES IT
HARDER TO SAY
GOODBYE.

HEE,
HEE...

YEAH.



SOMETHING BIG
MUST HAVE
HAPPENED TO
KEEP HIM
AWAY.

GALE IS
JUST LIKE YOU.
HE COULD NEVER
BETRAY HIS FAMILY.

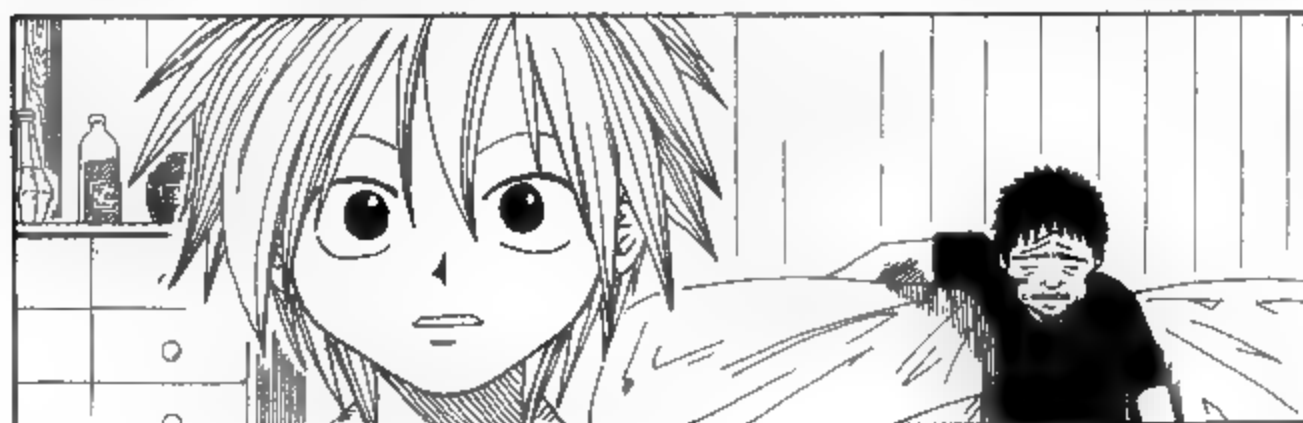
DAD LEFT
TO SAVE
THE
WORLD?

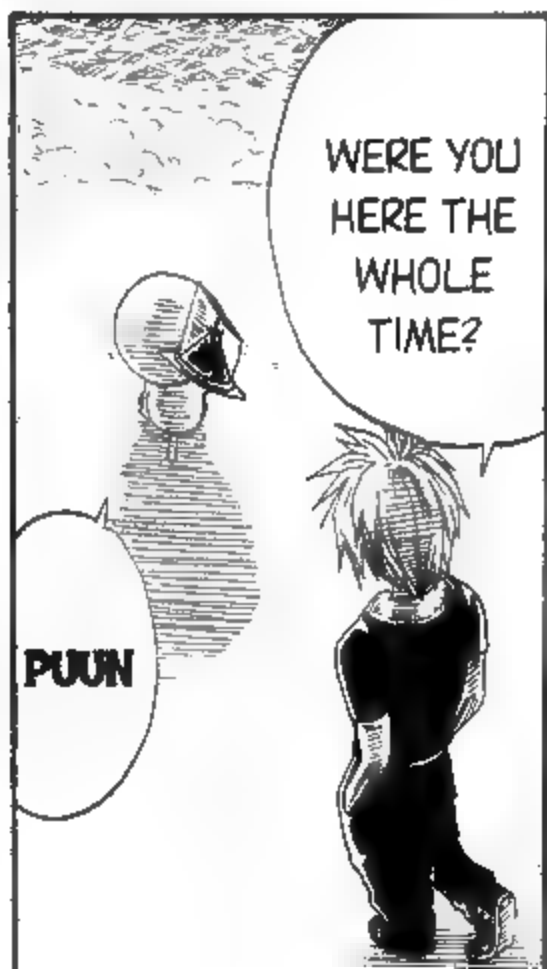
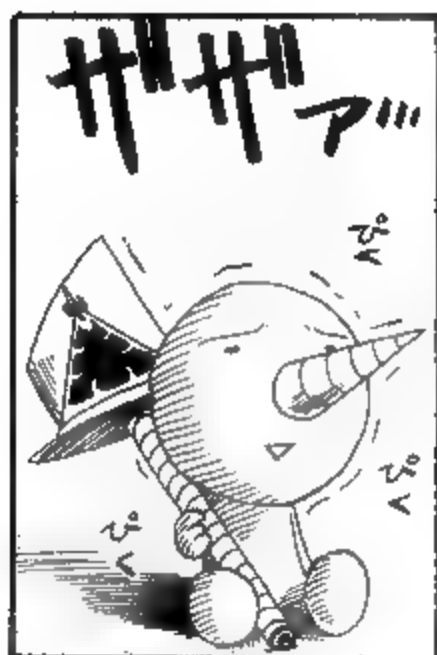
SO THAT'S
WHAT
HAPPENED?

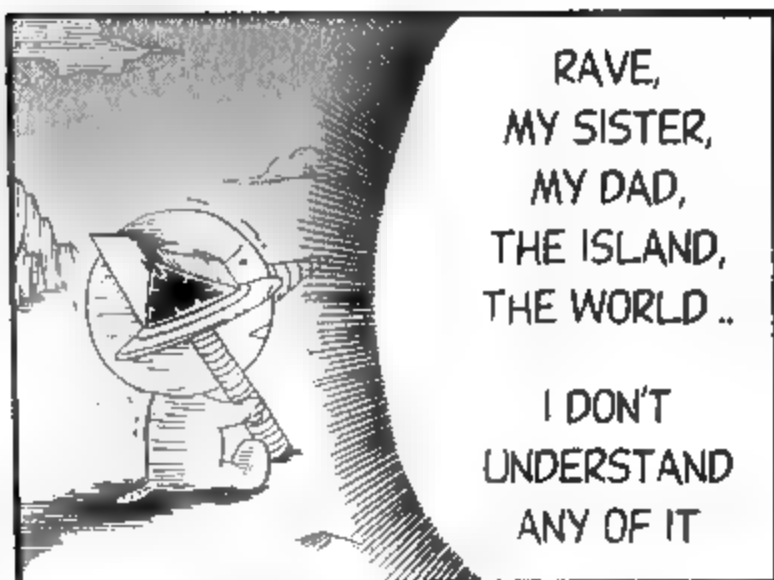


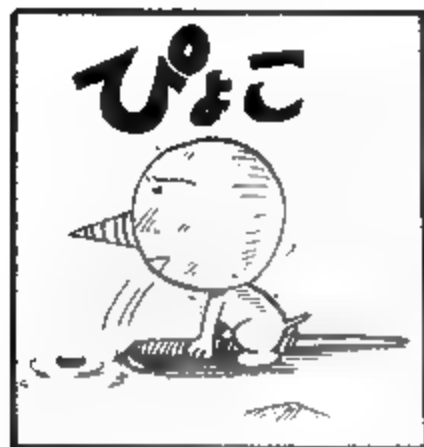
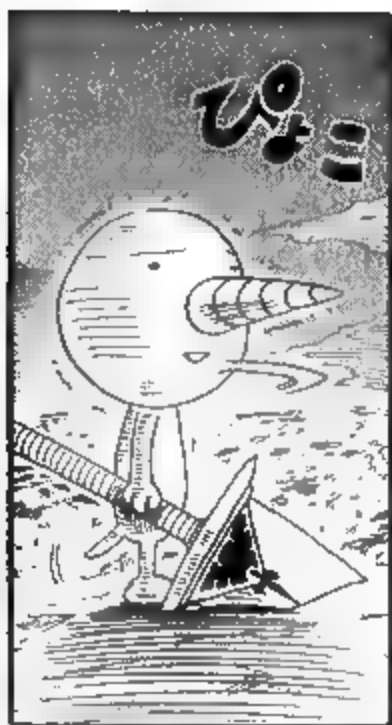
THOSE GUYS
AREN'T GOING TO
STOP WITH OUR
TOWN. THERE'LL
BE MORE TOWNS,
MORE DESTRUC-
TION

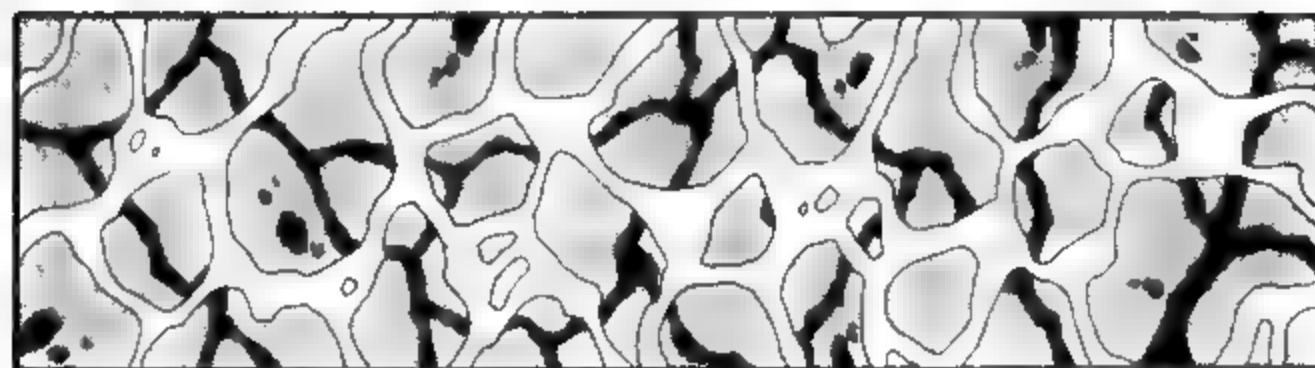
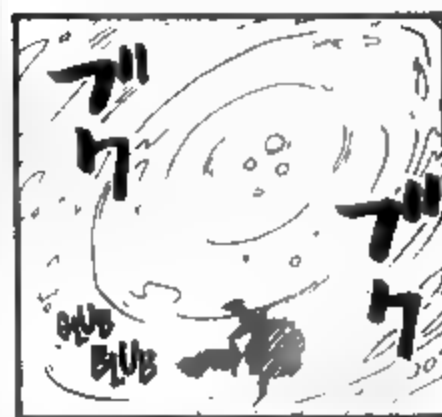
I THINK I CAN
RELATE.

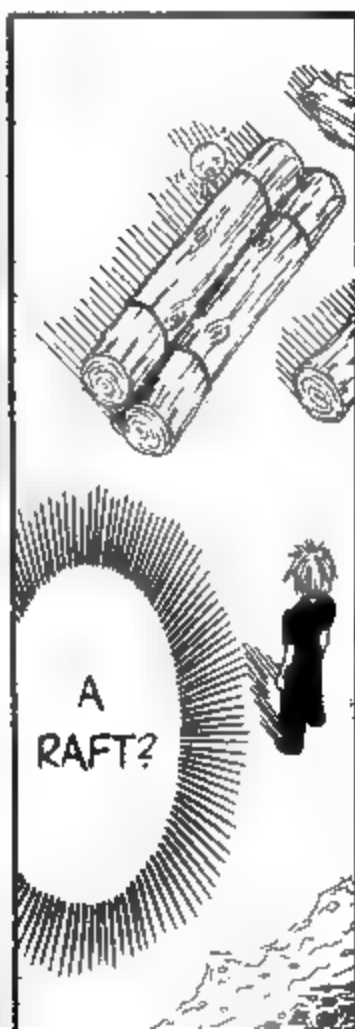
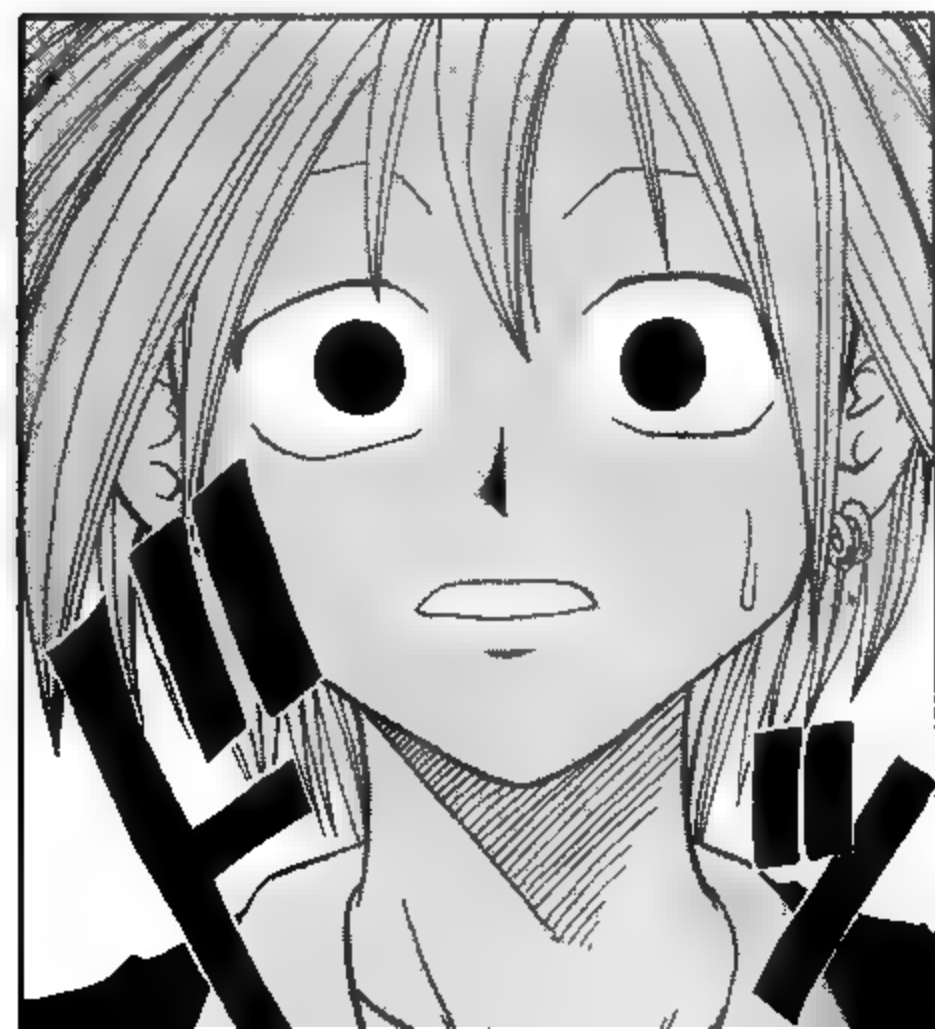
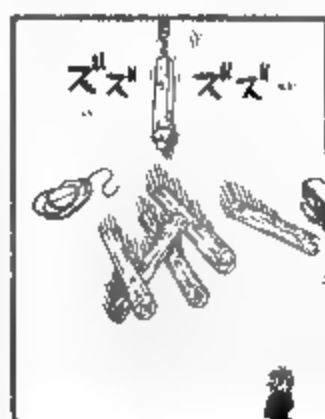
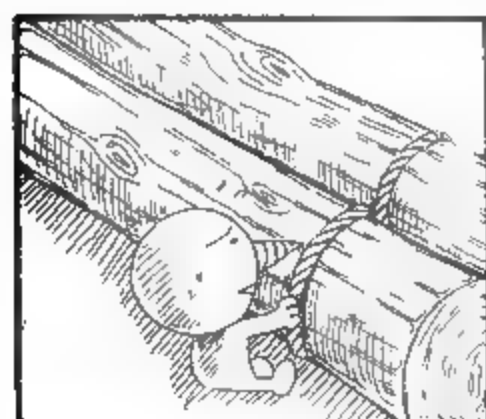
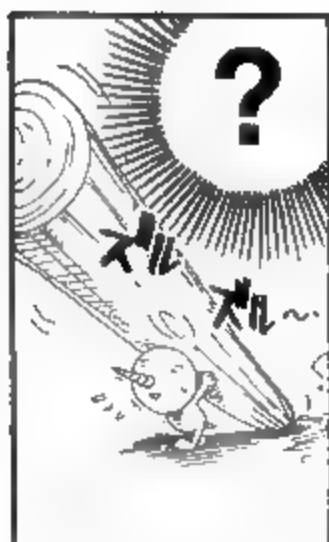


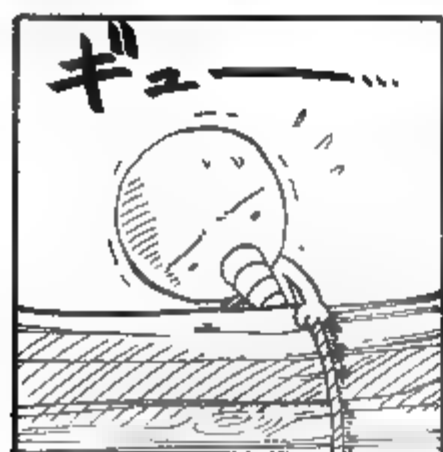


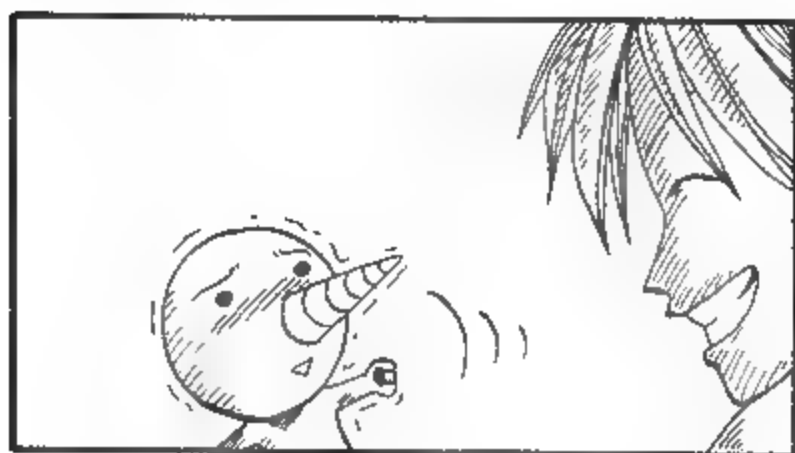
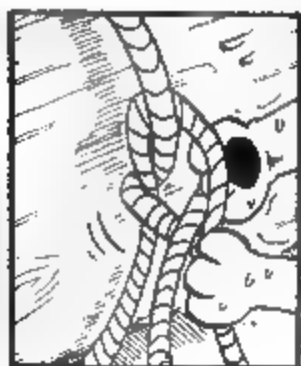
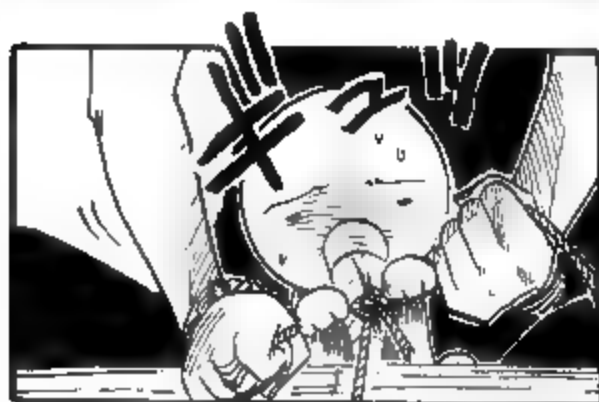






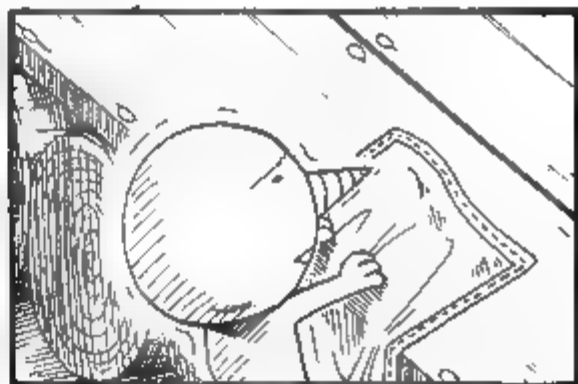




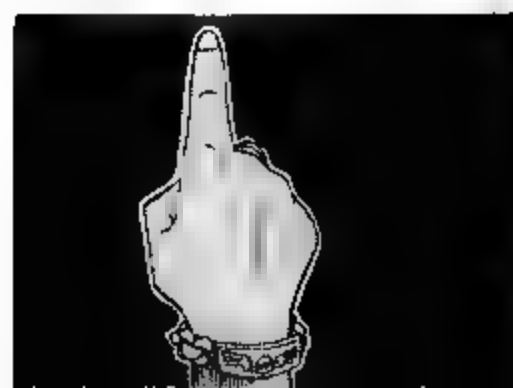


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WHAT KIND OF
WORLD IS THIS
WHERE A DOG
CAN BUILD A
RAFT?

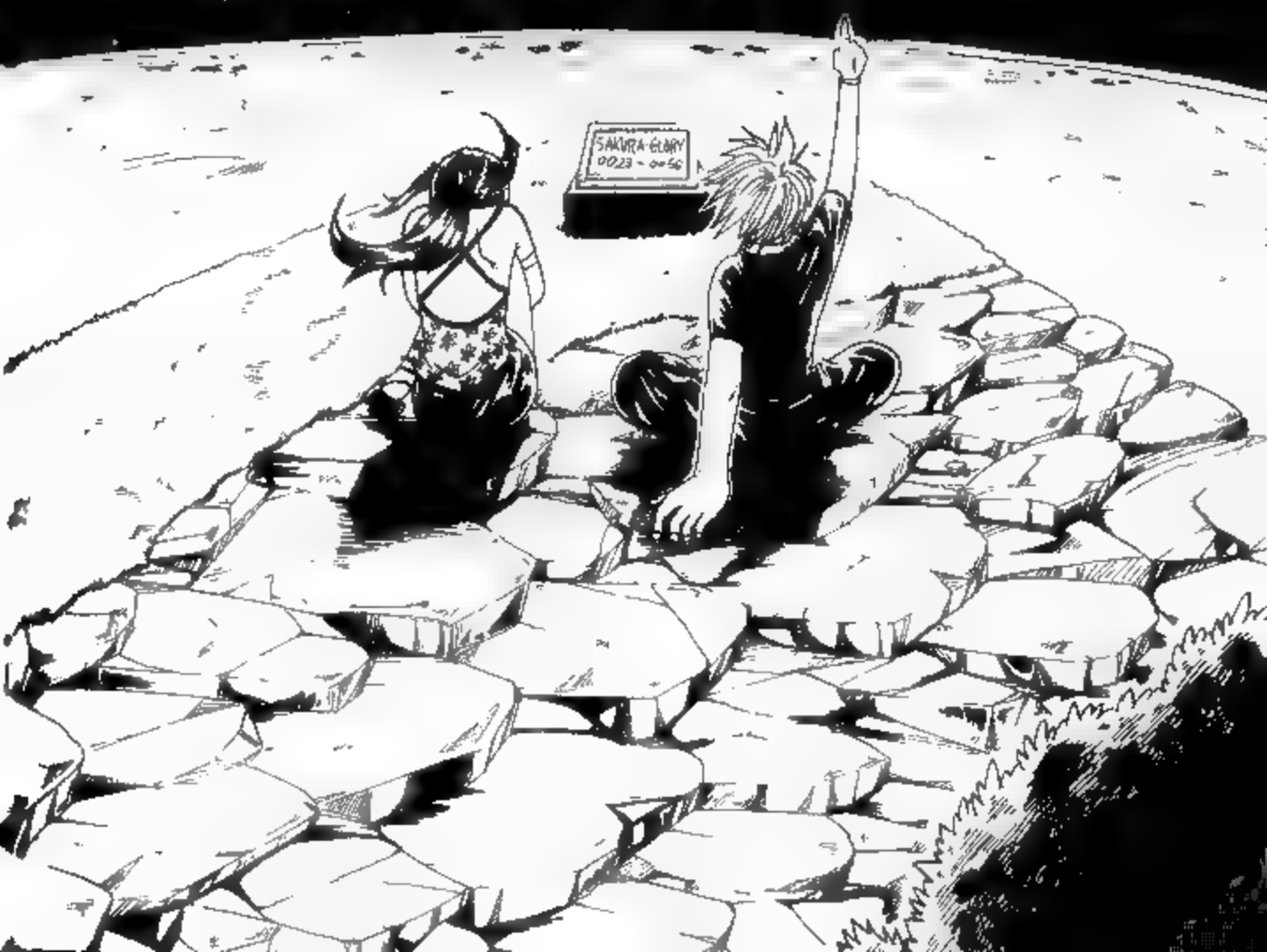


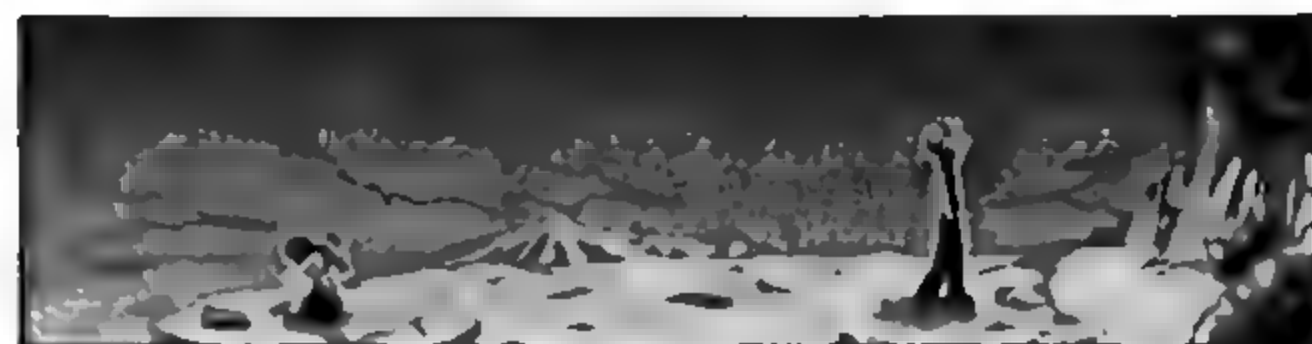


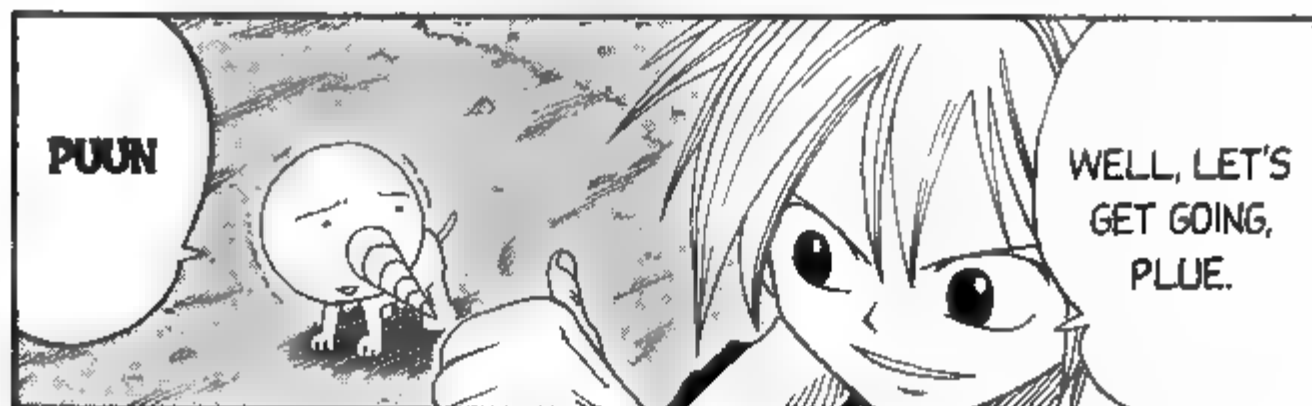


I WILL
RETURN.

YOU CAN
COUNT ON
IT.









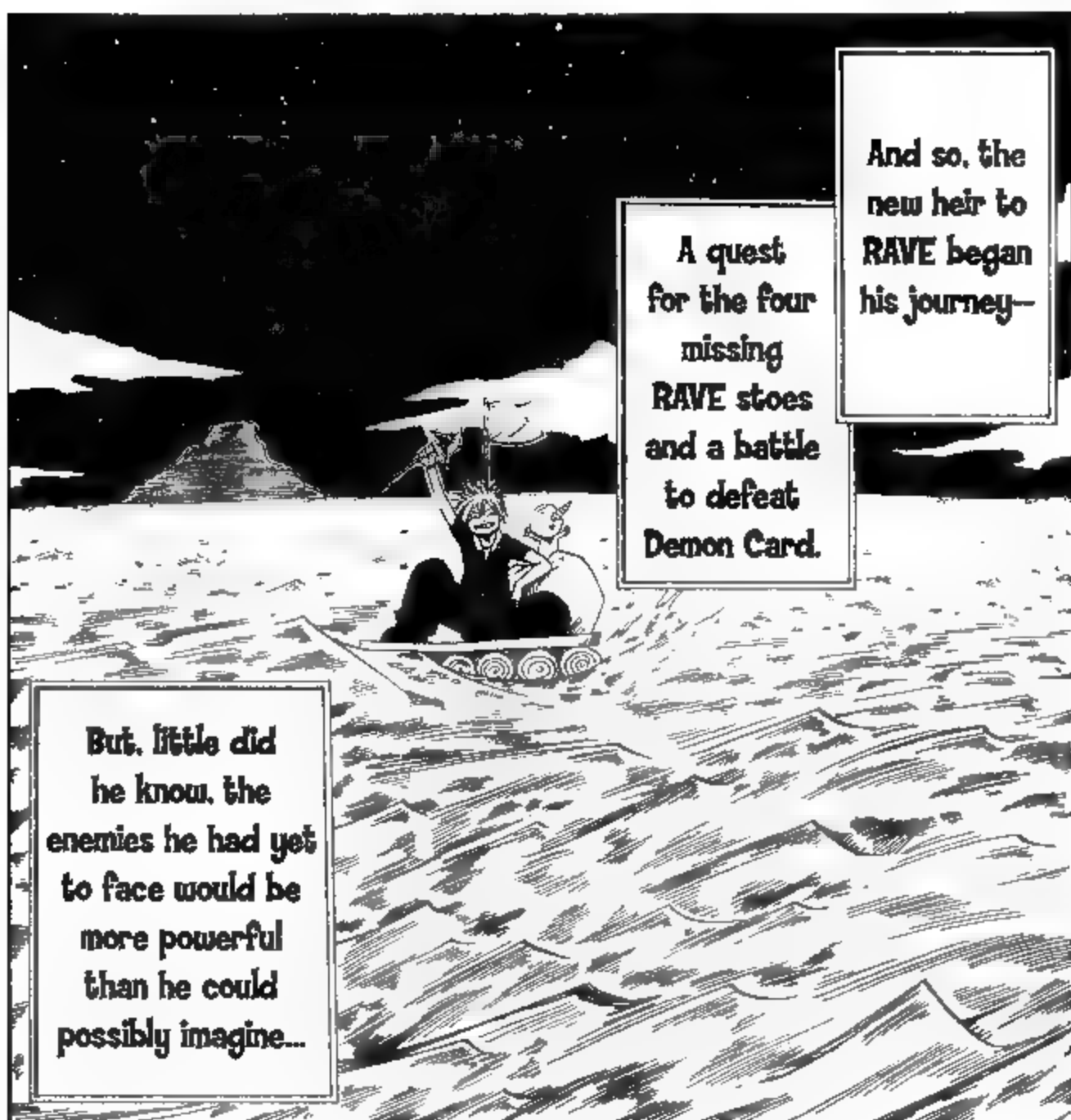


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WELL,
LET'S GO,
PLUE!



FIRST, WE
HAVE TO SAIL
TO THE MAIN-
LAND TO GET
THE SWORD
FIXED



And so, the
new heir to
RAVE began
his journey—

A quest
for the four
missing
RAVE stoes
and a battle
to defeat
Demon Card.

But, little did
he know, the
enemies he had yet
to face would be
more powerful
than he could
possibly imagine...

TO BE CONTINUED

HARU'S SISTER: CATTLEYA

WEAPON: NONE (USE TO DO TO A LITTLE KENDO)

BIRTHDAY/AGE: AUGUST 5, 0046 / 20 YEARS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT/BLOODTYPE: 166CM / 46KG / A

BIRTHPLACE: GARAGE ISLAND

HOBBIES: COOKING, LAUNDRY

SPECIAL SKILLS: KARAOKE (SELF-DESCRIBED
"BEST ON THE ISLAND")

LIKES: HER FAMILY

HATES: HER EX-BOYFRIEND

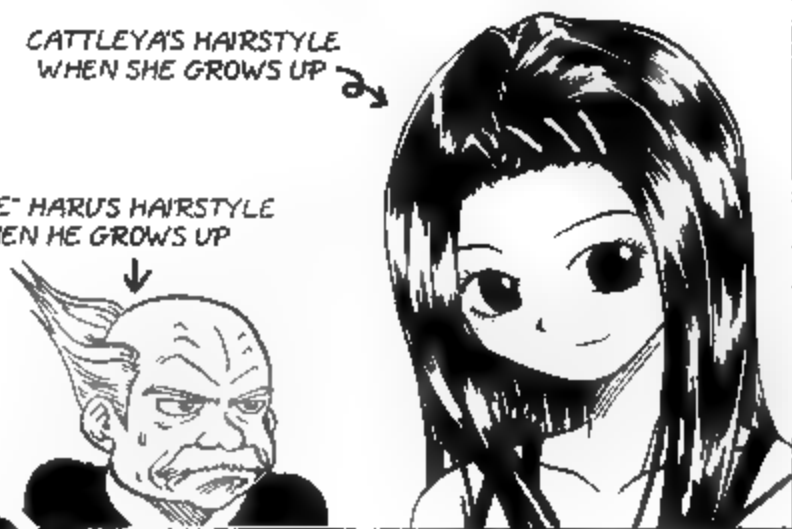
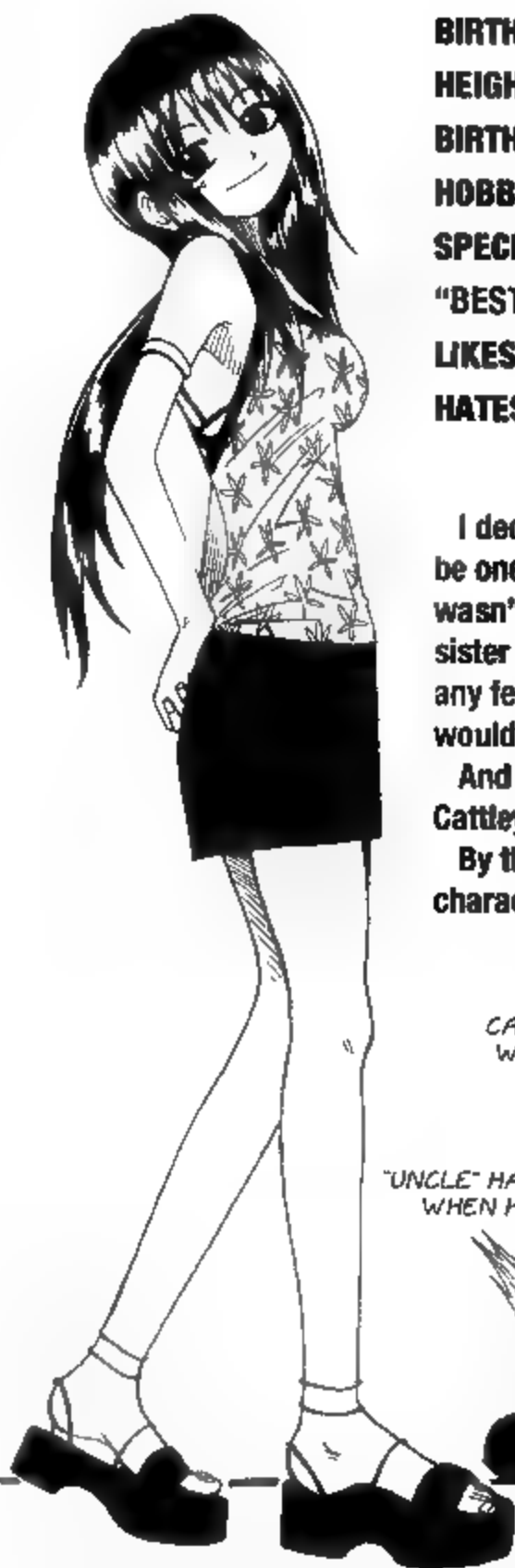
I decided from the very beginning that there would be one other person in Haru's family. Initially, it wasn't a sister, it was an uncle. I changed it to a sister because otherwise there wouldn't have been any female characters until the 4th chapter, and THAT would've been tacky (laugh).

And so I thought, "Ah, I'll make it a sister!" and Cattleya was born!

By the way, that was also when the Nakajima character was born, too (laugh).

CATTLEYA'S HAIRSTYLE
WHEN SHE GROWS UP

"UNCLE" HARU'S HAIRSTYLE
WHEN HE GROWS UP



CAFE TSUBOMI'S SECOND OWNER GEMMA



WEAPON: GUN (99 MAGNUM)

BIRTHDAY/AGE: JUNE 13, 0016 / 51 YEARS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT/BLOODTYPE: 175CM / 60KG / A

BIRTHPLACE: GARAGE ISLAND

HOBBIES: MAKING GREAT COFFEE

SPECIAL SKILLS: LAUGHING NON-STOP FOR 24 HOURS

LIKES: GAG COMICS

HATES: WORRYING

Gemma ended up a more important character than initially planned.

He's the spitting image of one of my friends, who was the model for the character. His hand movements were awkward, and he would always burst out laughing. Tame (22) and I are just showing our age (laugh).

By the way, the name "Gemma" means "flower bud" in Latin, just like "Tsubomi" means "flower bud" in Japanese.

THE MYSTERIOUS LIFEFORM: NAKAJIMA

WEAPON: NONE (BUT ACCORDING TO HIM, HE CAN USE HIS FEATHERS AS WEAPONS IF NEED BE)

BIRTHDAY/AGE: UNKNOWN / UNKNOWN

HEIGHT/WEIGHT/BLOODTYPE: (IT'S UNCERTAIN HOW TO MEASURE THESE) UNKNOWN / UNKNOWN / N-DUCK

BIRTHPLACE: AKAPERIA ISLAND (THERE SEEM TO BE MANY SUCH CREATURES ON THAT ISLAND)

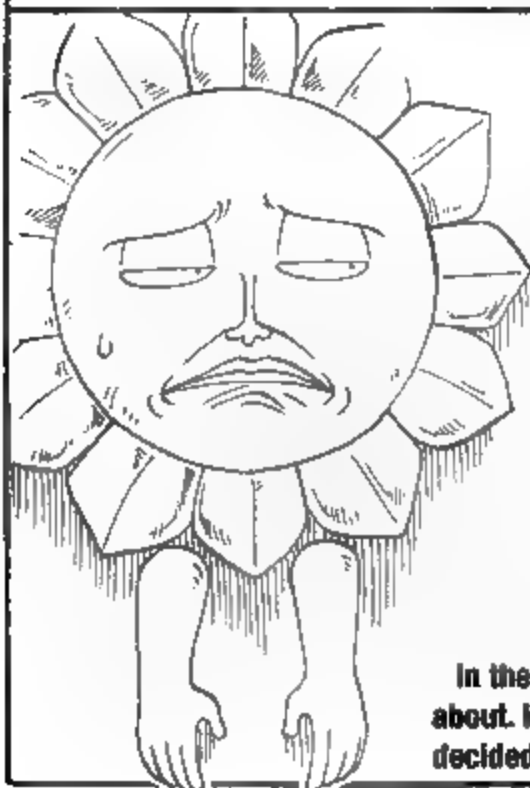
HOBBIES: STUDYING

SPECIAL SKILLS: CATCHING INSECTS

LIKES: TULIPS

HATES: RAIN AND SNOW

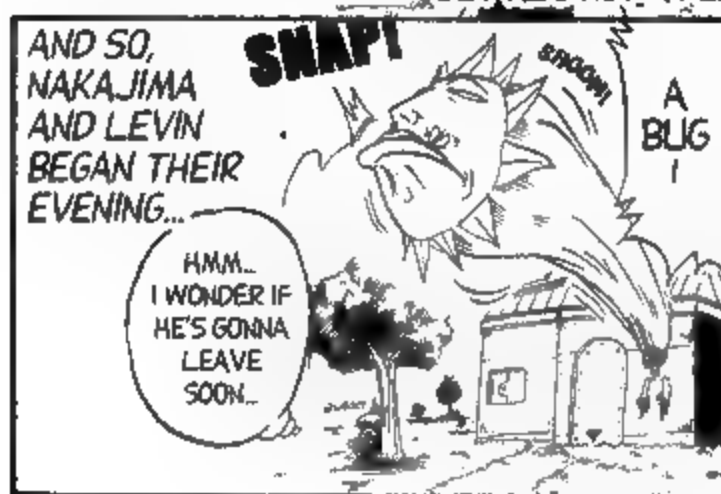
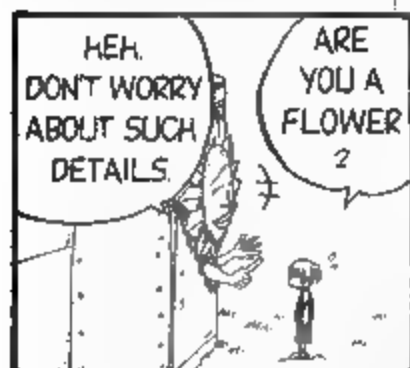
In the beginning, he was the character I got the most questions about. He seemed more popular than I would have thought, so I decided to let him reappear.



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LEVIN MINDS THE HOUSE

#1: Hanging with Nakajima



RAVE

M A S T E R

BEFORE I BEGIN, I WANT TO SAY "THANK YOU, WITH ALL MY GRATITUDE!!" TO ALL MY READERS. THE FIRST VOLUME OF RAVE IS FINALLY ON SALE. IT'S MY FIRST GRAPHIC NOVEL EVER. IT MAKES ME SUPER HAPPY!!

IN EACH VOLUME, I'LL USE THIS SPACE TO GIVE YOU THE INSIDE STORY ON RAVE OR FOR OTHER THINGS I FEEL LIKE WRITING ABOUT. FOR THIS FIRST VOLUME, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED ME OUT OR CHEERED ME ON AS I WORKED ON THIS SERIES. (SORRY FOR SUDDENLY GETTING INTO MY OWN PERSONAL AFFAIRS.)

FIRST OFF, THANKS TO MATSUKI, MY MANAGER, WHO SUPPORTED MY WORK FROM THE TIME I WAS JUST BEGINNING. TO YOSHIDA, THE VETERAN EDITOR WHO'S WORKED WITH ME SINCE THE PLANNING STAGES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! TO OGAWA, THE COVER DESIGNER FROM KODANSHA COMICS AND ISHII, THE MANAGER FROM KODANSHA COMICS, I AM TRULY THANKFUL. AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE IN THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT WHO CHEERED ME ON AND GAVE ME ADVICE. AND AS ALWAYS, THANKS TO MY ASSISTANTS, NAKAMURA, YAMA AND YUKA!! THANKS TO THE TWO "A" SISTERS, WHO HELPED ME OUT ON CHAPTER 3! AND LOTS OF THANKS TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS! OH, AND TO THE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO LET ME GRADUATE (LAUGH)! TO ALL MY READERS, THANK YOU!! AND FINALLY, THANK YOU TO THOSE AT WEEKLY SHONEN MAGAZINE FOR LETTING THIS WORK BE SERIALIZED!!

I'LL KEEP TRYING MY BEST! PLEASE KEEP LENDING ME YOUR SUPPORT, EVERYONE!!

Hiroyuki
YOSHIDA.

RAVE MASTER

Volume 2 Preview

SMELLS LIKE ANOTHER TEEN HERO

*STRAP ON YOUR SWORDS AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS.
DARK BRING IS LOOSE AND OUR DEFENSE
IS THE NEW RAVE MASTER, HARU GLORY.
IN VOLUME 2 YOU'LL READ HIS STORY.*

*YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW DOES IT GO,
HOW DOES IT GO?
HOW DOES IT GO,
HOW DOES IT GO?*

*YOU CAN BET THAT HIS ROAD'S DANGEROUS,
BUT REST ASSURED, IT'LL ENTERTAIN US.
HERE HE GOES NOW ON HIS INSANE QUEST--
HIS GUIDE PLUE.
HE WAS DOG-NAPPED.
NOW HE'S ENTERED
IN A DOG RACE.
YEAH!*

*HARU MEETS ELLIE AT THE TRACK.
SHE'S SPLINKY, CUTE AND HAS A RACKET
GOING ON AT THIS GAMBLING DEN,
'TIL DEMON CARD COMES BARGING IN.*

*AND NOW SHE'LL GO,
SHE'LL GO, SHE'LL GO SHE'LL GO WITH HARU.
SHE'LL GO, SHE'LL GO, SHE'LL GO WITH HARU.*





Hiro Mashima

Mashima-san was born in Nagano, Japan on May 8, 1977. He created RAVE for Weekly Shonen magazine in 1998 when he was just 21 years old, and in 4 short years the series has already spawned 18 volumes, 3 guide books, a hit anime series, 2 console video games, gobs'o'merchandise, and has been licensed in all kinds of countries around the world. Mashima-san is quite fond of his hair (he cuts it himself and constantly changes its color). He hates caterpillars (don't ask why) and any that get in his path are just asking to be squashed. Oh yeah, and his blood type is B.

RAVE MASTER



Sixteen-year-old Haru Glory has never left the cozy confines of Garage Island. He likes fishing and eating snowcones on the beach - not exactly the lifestyle of a hero-in-the-making. Meanwhile, in the wider world, the evil society Demon Card is threatening civilization as we know it. When they come to Garage Island, unleash the destructive power of the Dark Bring, and start messing with his friends, Haru is forced into action. With the help of a transforming sword and his magical guide Plue, Haru sets out on the most harrowing quest of his young life: to find the five missing RAVE stones - which hold the key to victory over the Dark Bring - and to kick some major Demon Card butt.



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